**Oral Statement by Ambassador Delgado**

**On behalf of Cabo Verde**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

On behalf of Cabo Verde, I would like to congratulate the Bahamas on its achievements since the last UPR exercise, particularly the adoption of its Disaster Risk Management Act, an important step toward protecting vulnerable populations on the frontlines of climate change and natural disasters.

We also wish to commend the Bahamas for ratifying the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment in 2018.

In the spirit of fostering further progress, Cabo Verde would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Incorporate gender equality and the prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex in national legislation.
2. Develop an inclusive education strategy that guarantees high-quality education for girls and children with disabilities.
3. While recognizing that there has been a de facto moratorium on the death penalty since 2000, we recommend that the Bahamas impose an official, *de jure,* moratorium and take steps towards its abolition.

We wish the Bahamas a successful UPR.

Thank you.