**Oral Statement by Ambassador Delgado**

**On behalf of Cabo Verde**

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Thank you, Mr. President

Cabo Verde welcomes the delegation of Barbados and extends our thanks for its engagement with the UPR process. We congratulate Barbados for its recent achievement in transitioning into a parliamentary republic. We hope that during the Constitutional reform process Barbados remains committed to codifying the human rights of all people and continues to consult the public throughout the drafting process.

In a constructive spirit, Cabo Verde makes the following recommendations to Barbados:

1. First, issue a standing invitation to special procedures to bolster cooperation and dialogue with the Human Rights Council.
2. Second, ratify the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and its Optional Protocol .
3. Finally, while we commend the removal of the mandatory Death Penalty in 2018, we recommend taking further steps toward its complete abolition.

We wish Barbados every success.

Thank you.