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**The Bahamas**

Thank you, Mr. President.

Canada welcomes the positive steps taken by The Bahamas since its last review, including the ratification of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

Canada recommends that The Bahamas:

1. Improve the treatment of asylum seekers, refugees, and migrants, including by ensuring due process before detention or deportation;
2. Continue the process to amend the Sexual Offences Act to criminalize marital rape;
3. Introduce legal safeguards to prevent statelessness and amend the constitutional provisions that discriminate between men and women in the transmission of nationality;
4. Repeal the death penalty and consider a moratorium pending its complete abolition.

Observations (if time allows): Canada encourages The Bahamas to continue efforts to end discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.