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**UPR of the Bahamas**

**Statement by the Republic of Poland**

*Wednesday, 3 May 2023, 14:30-18:00*

*Mr. President,*

Poland thanks the Bahamas for presentation of its national report. We acknowledge activities undertaken by the government in order to implement recommendations accepted during the previous cycle of the UPR.

As per agreed practice, Poland recommends the Bahamas to:

1. adopt appropriate legislative and educational measures to protect children from all forms of violence, in all places, including in penal institutions, schools and at home;
2. continue efforts to protect the rights of persons with disabilities, in particular by expanding their opportunities to participate in the labour market and supporting their inclusion in the education system;
3. continue efforts to improve conditions in detention facilities, in particular by ensuring adequate sanitation and medical care in prisons.

We appreciate that the reduction of crime and violence remains a priority for the government. We hope that the Bahamas will uphold its commitment to effectively address critical issues related to crime prevention and criminal justice.

Poland also welcomes the fact that the Bahamas ratified the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. In this context, we encourage the authorities to enact legislation requiring human rights education for security personnel, law enforcement and judges.

*Thank you.*