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**Statement**

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Mr. President,

Azerbaijan welcomes the delegation of the Commonwealth of Bahamas at the UPR Working Group and thanks the delegation for the presented report.

We positively note the measures taken by the Government of Bahamas to implement the recommendations from the previous cycle of the UPR. In this regard, the ratification of the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT) as well as the measures undertaken in combatting human trafficking in compliance with the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons should be particularly stressed.

Azerbaijan offers the following recommendations to Bahamas:

1. Intensify its efforts to prohibit all forms of corporal punishment of children and adolescents in all settings by implementing relevant legislative and policy measures.
2. Continue its positive experience in combatting human trafficking and assistance provided to the victims including successful implementation of four-pronged approach undertaken in this regard.

In conclusion, we wish the delegation of Bahamas a very successful review.

Thank you.