**43rd Session of the Universal Periodic Review**

**State Under Review: Bahamas**

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**Statement by Türkiye**

Thank you Mr. President,

Türkiye extends a warm welcome to the delegation of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas to this session of the Universal Periodic Review.

We commend the Bahamas for upholding its commitments to human rights obligations and standards and also for continuing its efforts for the promotion and protection of human rights.

Türkiye recommends Bahamas to:

1. Complete reviewing draft legislation to improve the provisions of law in several areas including the draft text to amend the Sexual Offences Act to criminalize marital rape

2. Continue to make progress in its National Development Plan (NDP) process, with outcomes being achieved in different fields related to human rights as well.

Türkiye wishes the Bahamas every success in this UPR process.

Thank you Mr. President.