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Mr. President,

We warmly welcome the distinguished delegation of Dominica and thank them for the detailed and objective presentation.

We praise the efforts of the Government of Dominica for the developments achieved in the area of human rights, specifically gender equality and child abuse within the scope of the national report.

We also understand that Dominica has put disadvantaged groups, namely children and adolescents, women, disabled persons into the scope of the national plan.

**We recommend** the Government of Dominica to continue the implementation of a road map to be devised within the national action plan with the aim of the elimination of violence against children, child labor and pregnancy along with the reduction of poverty and social and territorial inequality and discrimination concerns.

We are aware of the significant problems that Dominica is faced with regard to the acts of violence, discrimination and other abuses and we welcome the efforts of the government authorities to tackle these human rights issues.

**We recommend** the relevant Dominican authorities to maintain their efforts in promoting and protecting human rights in accordance with their international obligations, particularly in the implementation of measures to protect the most vulnerable segments of their society.

Thank you Mr. President.