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Thank you, Madam Vice-President.

Seychelles welcomes the distinguished delegation of the Commonwealth of Dominica and thanks them for their informative national report and interventions today.

Seychelles commends the efforts of Dominica to guarantee fundamental human rights to all, despite dealing with the repercussions of devastating natural disasters and adverse climate conditions over the past few years. In positively noting the enactment of the ‘Climate Resilience Act, 2018’ and the establishment of the ‘Climate Resilience Execution Agency of Dominica’, Seychelles **recommends** that Dominica ensures that a human rights lens is adopted in the implementation of the Act and the plans of action of the Agency.

In recognizing the adoption of the ‘National Action Plan on Sexual Abuse’, Seychelles **recommends** strengthening the legislative child protection regime by speedily enacting the ‘Care and Adoption Bill’ and the ‘Child Justice Bill’, whilst giving primary consideration to the best interests of the child.

We wish Dominica a fruitful review ahead.

Thank you, Madam Vice-President.