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Thank you, Mr. Vice President.

Jamaica welcomes the delegation of our Sister CARICOM country, Grenada, and commends them on their national report.

We note the many positive strides made since the country’s last review to promote and protect the human rights of its citizens and the attendant strengthening of its human Rights framework, including:

1. The establishment of a National Coordination Committee on Human Rights;
2. Their National Gender Equality Policy and Action Plan (2014-2024); and
3. The entry into force of the Prevention of Trafficking in Persons Act and the Juvenile Justice Act.
4. Mainstreaming climate change and environment issues and their impact on human Rights into its National Strategic Development Plan 2020-2035

In a constructive spirit, Jamaica wishes to offer the following recommendations:

1. Continue efforts towards the establishment of a National Human Rights Institution;
2. Consider the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and
3. Strengthen measures to fully implement the Convention on the Rights of Persons

with Disabilities

We wish Grenada every success in its UPR process. Thank you.