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Mr. Vice-President,

Barbados welcomes the distinguished delegation of Guyana and thanks them for the national report and the update provided this morning.

Barbados commends Guyana for its commitment to the protection and promotion of human rights. It is evident that since the last Review there has been a concerted effort to address existing challenges.

We recognise the attention paid to critical issues such as climate change, gender relations, governance, poverty reduction, rural development, and the rights of children and youth.

Barbados offers the following recommendations:

1. Continue to provide the necessary resources for the efficient functioning of the Sexual Offences Court;

1. Deepen efforts to implement the *Green State Development Strategy* to improve the management of resources for the benefit of the population;
2. Advance efforts to achieve climate resilience through collaboration with local, regional and international partners.

Thank you Mr Vice-President.