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Mr. Vice-President,

Barbados welcomes the delegation of Lesotho and thanks it for its presentation today.

Barbados notes the positive steps taken since the last cycle to advance the enjoyment of human rights throughout the country. In particular, we commend the Government of Lesotho for the action taken to advance the economic and social rights of women.

Barbados offers the following recommendations:

1. Allocate sufficient resources to ensure that institutions, such as the children’s court and the Child and Gender Protection Unit, effectively protect the rights of children;
2. Continue to evaluate and refine the policies and strategies that have been put in place in order to implement free, compulsory and inclusive education for children;
3. Deepen its efforts and measures that aim to address Gender Based Violence, as this has been identified as one of the main challenges facing women in Lesotho.

We wish Lesotho every success in this UPR cycle.