**Statement and Recommendation by Barbados**

**Human Rights Council**

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Madame President,

Barbados welcomes the delegation of Jamaica and commends its engagement in the UPR process. The updates provided in the National Report and here today, on what is being done by the Government of Jamaica to promote and protect of all in Jamaica is appreciated.

We note that Jamaica has consistently taken steps to bring its reports up-to-date, and is currently working to complete outstanding reports. We commend the efforts made to improve its reporting procedures and compliance. The establishment of the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Human Rights (IMCHR) will, no doubt, aid in facilitating dialogue among stakeholders, including civil society representatives, on the implementation of obligations under various human rights treaties.

Barbados recommends that Jamaica:

1. Continue to employ a multisectoral approach, centred on human rights principles, to address and eventually eliminate gender-based violence.
2. Deepen efforts to address extreme poverty and psychosocial needs, especially given the impact of COVID-19 on the economy.
3. Enhance programmes that bring support to children in conflict with the law, by diverting them from the formal system of justice.

Thank you Madame President.