**Statement and Recommendation by Barbados**

**Human Rights Council**

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Madame President,

Barbados welcomes the delegation of Panama and commends its engagement in the UPR process. Panama’s commitment to meeting its human rights obligations is demonstrated in the care taken to cooperate closely with international monitoring mechanisms.

We note that Panama submits periodic reports to the United Nations human rights treaty bodies, under the treaties to which it is a State party, and to the special procedures of the Human Rights Council, which have a standing invitation to visit the country.

Barbados recommends that Panama:

1. Continue to design, implement and monitor policies aimed at enhancing public safety through measures to prevent and reduce violence, especially against children and women.
2. Maintain the commitment to adapt environmental laws to address new environmental challenges and developing an institutional framework with a view to updating its policies on climate change, biodiversity and water resource management.

Thank you Madame President.