



**Statement by
Permanent Mission of The Bahamas to the United Nations Office and Other
International Organizations in Geneva
at the 40th Session of the Universal Periodic Review Working Group
Presentation of National Report by the Government of Uganda
Thursday 27 January, 2022**

The Bahamas thanks Uganda for presenting the national report and commends the progress made since the last review.

We congratulate Uganda on positive steps taken to promote and protect human rights through the development of awareness campaigns and policy reforms, in addition to efforts to strengthen democratic institutions, despite the significant challenges arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Other noteworthy efforts include the development of a National Action Plan for the Prevention of Trafficking in Persons and National Referral Guidelines for Management of Victims of Trafficking.

In a constructive spirit, The Bahamas **recommends** that Uganda:

- (i) Allows for more legitimate opposition participation in elections, including by guaranteeing freedom of peaceful assembly, of expression and of association,
- (ii) Strengthens social safety nets to reduce the number of children forced to live and work on the streets

and

- (iii) Prioritizes the full implementation of the National Strategy to End Child Marriage and Teenage Pregnancy.

We wish Uganda every success in this UPR process.

I thank you.

Speaking time allocated: 1 min. 05 sec.