



**Statement by the Permanent Mission of The Bahamas to the United Nations Office  
and other International Organizations in Geneva  
at the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Universal Periodic Review Working Group  
*Presentation of UPR Report by the Government of Bangladesh 13 November 2023***

Thank you, Mr. President/Vice-President.

The Bahamas thanks the delegation of Bangladesh for its report and commends the progress made since the last review.

In addressing human rights challenges against the backdrop of climate change, Bangladesh has formulated strategic plans, including the Bangladesh Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan (BCCSAP) and the National Adaptation Plan 2023-2050.

The Bahamas commends Bangladesh for their continued compliance with United Nations (UN) Human Rights mechanisms such as the Initial Report on the Convention Against Torture (CAT) in 2019 and the interactive dialogue with the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) in 2022 and therefore, demonstrating a commitment to promote and protect human rights in the country.

In a constructive spirit, The Bahamas recommends that Bangladesh:

- (i) Further develop and implement policies and programs to support persons with disabilities such as enhancing educational opportunities, increasing accessibility in public spaces, and providing comprehensive health and social services.
- (ii) Strengthen efforts to increase public awareness and educational programs about the impacts of climate change and the importance of environmental conservation.
- (iii) Take concrete steps to train and recruit more healthcare professionals to address the shortage of skilled healthcare workers in various parts of the country.

We wish Bangladesh a successful UPR.

I thank you.