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International Organizations in Geneva
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Presentation of National Report by the Government of Cabo Verde
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Thank you, Mr. Vice-President.

The Bahamas thanks the delegation of Cabo Verde for presenting the national report and commends advancements made since the last review cycle.

We especially highlight positive strides made by Cabo Verde in the area of addressing extreme poverty, through the elaboration of the National Strategy for the Elimination of Extreme Poverty (2022-2026) and the second Strategic Plan for Sustainable Development (2022-2026) as well as the development of the Single Social Register, a tool which contributes to a strengthened social protection system.

In a constructive spirit, The Bahamas **recommends** that Cabo Verde:

- (i) Take steps to address the disparity in adult literacy rates between men and women by ensuring access to quality education at all levels for girls and women, including those in rural areas;
- (ii) Develop targeted programmes to encourage increased participation of girls in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields;

and

- (iii) Ensure access to adequate and affordable housing, including through provision of assistance tailored to the needs of persons and families with low incomes

As a fellow archipelagic, Small Island Developing State, we recognise that efforts to protect and promote human rights are undertaken against the backdrop of the existential threat of climate change, disasters and climate-related shocks.

We therefore encourage Cabo Verde to avail itself of any international technical assistance and capacity-building support it should deem appropriate to its human rights needs and priorities.

We wish Cabo Verde every success in this UPR process.

I thank you.