



**Statement by Ms. Sasha Dixon, Counsellor  
Permanent Mission of The Bahamas to the United Nations Office and Other  
International Organizations in Geneva  
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Thank you [Mr./Madame] [Vice] President.

The Bahamas extends a warm welcome to the delegation of the Comoros, a fellow archipelagic Small Island Developing State, and we thank the country for the presentation of its national report.

The Comoros is to be commended on strides made in the field of human rights, including in the area of combatting human trafficking. The creation of the National Committee for the Prevention of Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Persons, along with accession to the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, among other legislative and institutional measures, reflect a clear commitment to compliance with international best practices. We applaud the results achieved in reducing rates of physical violence against women over the past 10 years, from 29 to 2.3 per cent. This demonstrates the success of the systemic approach to the prevention of violence, adopted by the Comoros.

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With a view to encouraging further progress, The Bahamas respectfully **recommends** that the Comoros:

- (i) Continue efforts to systemically combat trafficking in persons;
- (ii) Continue efforts to mitigate food insecurity; and
- (iii) Ensure that the standard of living is raised by increasing social safety net programmes, with a special focus on the most vulnerable groups.

We wish the delegation of the Comoros every success in this UPR process.

I thank you.