

## Statement by

## 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 Federation of Malaysia 25 January 2024

Thank you, Mr. President,

The Bahamas thanks the Federation of Malaysia for presenting its comprehensive report and commends progress made since the last review.

We commend Malaysia's commitment to human rights, exemplified by the promulgation of the National Action Plan for Human Rights and through active engagement in international development including various projects in support of South-South cooperation..

In a constructive spirit, The Bahamas recommends that Malaysia:

- 1. Enhance women's integration across all sectors to achieve Government of Malaysia's target of at least 30% women's participation in leadership and decision-making.
- 2. Build on efforts such as the multi-stakeholder Committee to prevent and address cyberbullying and sexual crimes against children.
- 3. Conduct an evaluation of existing programs, such as the 2 Years Exit Programme (2YEP) and OKU Talent Enhancement Programme (OTEP) to assess their effectiveness in improving employment and accessibility for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs).

We extend our best wishes to the Federation of Malaysia for a successful review.

I thank you.

Speaking time allotted: 55 seconds