



**Statement by H.E. Patricia A. Hermanns, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva at the 49<sup>th</sup> Session of the Universal Periodic Review Working Group  
*Presentation of National Report by the Government of Grenada*  
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Thank you, Madam/Mr. [Vice] President.

The Bahamas warmly welcomes the fellow CARICOM delegation of Grenada and commends the country for key advancements in the field of human rights since its last review. These include pension and minimum wage reform, the enactment of the Compulsory School Age legislation, and the implementation of Standard Operating Procedures to address gender-based violence. We also recognize progress in poverty reduction, through the expansion of the SEED programme and the launch of Project 500, for affordable housing.

As a fellow Small Island Developing State, we note the severe impacts of Hurricane Beryl as well as broader climate change threats to the economy, housing, and public health. Against this backdrop, Grenada's pioneering leadership in incorporating climate resilience into national budgeting and in activating hurricane clauses in its sovereign bonds, are particularly commendable.

We further acknowledge the positive engagement of Grenada with the new OHCHR Regional Office for CARICOM, including in the area of reporting and institutional capacity building.

To support further progress, The Bahamas respectfully recommends that Grenada:

- (i) Fully implement the approved Adolescent Health Policy and the National Disability Policy and Strategic Action Plan to ensure inclusive, equitable access to health, education, and employment, particularly for adolescents and persons with disabilities;
- (ii) Expand climate-resilient infrastructure and disaster preparedness, particularly in remote and vulnerable communities, including Carriacou and Petite Martinique and
- (iii) Seek continued technical assistance and capacity-building support from OHCHR and other partners to strengthen national implementation, monitoring and reporting on human rights obligations.

We wish Grenada every success as the country pursues its human rights and development goals and call on the international community to support Grenada in these efforts.

I thank you.

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