

Statement by the Permanent Mission of The Bahamas to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva at the 49th Session of the Universal Periodic Review Working Group Presentation of National Report by the Republic of Kenya 1 May 2025

Thank you, Madam/Mr. [Vice] President,

The Bahamas welcomes the national report of the Republic of Kenya and commends its continued engagement with the UPR process. We applaud Kenya's efforts to professionalize its police service, advance gender equality, and foster accountability through institutional reforms.

We also commend Kenya's leadership in spearheading the Multinational Security Support Mission (MSSM) for Haiti, which reflects a strong commitment to international cooperation, peace, and the protection of fundamental human rights.

In a constructive spirit, we recommend that Kenya:

- 1. Finalize and implement the reviewed Persons with Disabilities Policy and Special Needs Education Policy;
- 2. Support full domestication of the Women, Peace and Security agenda, including increased funding for women's participation;
- 3. Expand financing and implementation of locally led climate action initiatives.

We wish Kenya every success in this UPR Process.

I thank you.

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