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Bahamas

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Israel would like to welcome Bahamas to the UPR, and to thank it for its report.

We acknowledge the efforts exerted by the government of Bahamas in order to address the constant threat of natural disasters and its effects. We commend the progress made since its last UPR including measures such as the approval of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities) Act, the appointment of the National Committee for Families and Children, and the launch of programs such as the "Say No then Go", among others.

Israel would like to make to Bahamas the following recommendations:

- 1) To take steps to amend the definition of "discrimination" in order to include gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression as grounds within it.
- To provide training to security forces, migration officers, prosecutors and judges in order to improve the identification of victims of trafficking and their protection.

Finally, Israel would like to wish Bahamas a successful UPR.

Thank you.