



**Pledge submitted by Antigua and Barbuda to the Human Rights 75 Secretariat
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PLEDGE NUMBER 1: Promote greater sustainable social and economic development and improve living standards. Recognising the vital importance of these rights in building a just and equitable society, Antigua and Barbuda pledges its unwavering dedication to their advancement, aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) #1 “No Poverty” and #8 “Decent Work and Economic Growth”. In this regard, Antigua and Barbuda will integrate sustainable economic development principles into decision-making processes and develop community programmes empowering youth, women, differently-abled persons, and other vulnerable and marginalised groups.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Mar 3, 2025

PLEDGE NUMBER 2: Implement transformative policies to mitigate the effects of climate change and strengthen the resilience of communities. Recognising the inextricable link between human rights and environmental stewardship, the government will further strengthen mechanisms to uphold a range of human rights and obligations. In this regard, Antigua and Barbuda will step up its global climate change advocacy on greater responsibility and cooperation among other countries and international organisations, and facilitate more capacity-building programmes in renewable and mitigation technologies.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Mar 3, 2025

PLEDGE NUMBER 3: Strengthening access to healthcare and preventing non-communicable diseases (NCDs). Recognising the direct relationship between health and human rights, the government seeks to enhance efforts to uphold a series of human rights and obligations in relation to this pledge, including the right to life, right to health, right to equality and non-discrimination, and the right to an adequate standard of living. In this regard, Antigua and Barbuda will further strengthen data collection and monitoring, facilitate more robust policies promoting healthy lifestyles, and provide greater support for the sports and fitness economy.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Mar 3, 2025

PLEDGE NUMBER 4: Establishing a formal National Mechanism for Implementation, Reporting, and Follow-up (NMIRF) for UN Treaty Bodies, the Universal Periodic Review (UPR), and Special Procedures. This national mechanism will serve as a dedicated platform to coordinate, share expertise, prepare reports for and engage with regional and international human rights and

other treaty mechanisms. Antigua and Barbuda aims to realise these commitments within the next national fiscal year, 2024-2025.

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