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 **Bahamas**

 **Addendum**

 **Views on conclusions and/or recommendations, voluntary commitments and replies presented by the State under review**

 The Bahamas welcomes the recommendations made in the course of its Universal Periodic Review of 3rd May, 2023. After broad consultation and careful evaluation of the recommendations, The Bahamas is pleased to provide the following responses:

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| *Recommendations* | *Response* | *Comments* |
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| 122.1 | Note |  |
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| 122.6 | Note/Support | Not prepared at this time to ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and the Members of Their Families; the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance. We support to review the Conventions relating to the Status of Refugees and on the Status of Stateless Persons. |
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| 122.47 | Note/Support | At this time no plans for Constitutional reform but, will continue to review legislation. |
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| 122.60 | Support | Department of Gender and Family Affairs awareness campaigns are ongoing. |
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| 122.140 | Note | There are a very high percentage of women having leadership in public and political life. |
| 122.141 | Support |  |
| 122.142 | Support |  |
| 122.143 | Note |  |
| 122.144 | Note | Women in The Bahamas are already participating equally in public life with their male counterparts. |
| 122.145 | Note | We repeat response to Recommendation 122.144. |
| 122.146 | Note | We repeat response to Recommendation 122.144. |
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| 122.148 | Note | We repeat response to Recommendation 122.144. |
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| 122.173 | Support | Will seek technical assistance. At this time the Bill has not been finalized. |
| 122.174 | Support |  |
| 122.175 | Support |  |
| 122.176 | Support | There has been no reported incidences of Femicide in The Bahamas. |
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| 122.183 | Support | The Protection Against Violence Bill is being debated in the House of Assembly and the Senate. Discussions and consultation on law reform in relations to discriminatory laws are ongoing. |
| 122.184 | Support | The commitment and effort towards 2030 is real. The Government is working in partnership with Programs like The Roman Catholic Perpetrators Program and Teen Challenge Bahamas Temperament Development Program. They conduct inpatient and outpatient program for men and boys. They are taught how to have power over themselves and not over others. It’s reported that over the past 3-4 yrs. they trained about 400 in-patients and about 1000 out-patient men and boys and the success rate is about 88%. |
| 122.185 | Support | The Government in 2018 established a Men’s Desk in the Department of Gender and Family Affairs to liaise with other men’s Organizations and to target men and boys in awareness campaign and changing patriarchal norms and reaffirming positive standards towards their female counterpart. |
| 122.186 | Support | The Department of Gender and Family Affairs Partner with Uplifting Men’s Ministry and Rite of Passage with their program for incarcerated men and boys. They focus on Anger Management, Conflict Resolution, Restorative Justice, Spiritual Enrichment, Business Plans and Job Skills. The re-entry program is for men who have less than 2yrs in prison. They also focused on sexual abuse offenders.In 2019–2020 about 25 inmate Sex offenders graduated from the program. Recently 27 men graduated from the spiritual enrichment program. In 2023 200 inmates who are fathers were targeted for a luncheon forum and given care packages. |
| 122.187 | Support | Noted – See Anti-Violence Bill 2023 (Protection Against Violence Bill 2023) and the Domestic Violence Protection Order Act of 2007. |
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| 122.203 | Note | The Government of The Bahamas is not aware of a HIGH incidences of hate speech or violence against LGBTQI and gender identity persons. |
| 122.204 | Note | We repeat response to Recommendation 122.203. |
| 122.205 | Note | We repeat response to Recommendation 122.203. |
| 122.206 | Note | We repeat response to Recommendation 122.203. |
| 122.207 | Note | We repeat response to Recommendation 122.203. |
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| 122.217 | Support | Asylum Seekers are not detained. |
| 122.218 | Support | Asylum Seekers are not detained. |
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| 122.233 | Support | Will introduce safeguards but no amendments to The Constitution of The Bahamas is anticipated. |

1. \* The present document is being issued without formal editing. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)