

## Joint Statement

on behalf of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, the Central African Republic and the Republic of Malawi  
during the Annual thematic panel discussion on technical cooperation and capacity-building

*(Theme: Technical cooperation to advance the right to education and ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and lifelong learning for all)*

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Thank you, Madame President. (Mr./Ms. Vice – President)

I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of the Central African Republic, the Republic of Malawi and my own country, The Bahamas.

After undergoing weeks of training in preparation to attend the Forty-Fourth Session of the Council, the selected delegates were unable to do so due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Over a year later, we now find ourselves in Geneva participating in a vibrant hybrid session of the Council.

We express our deepest appreciation to the OHCHR, the Council and donor States for the continued support to the Voluntary Technical Assistance Trust Fund to Support the Participation of Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States, which has facilitated the participation of 156 delegates and fellows from over seventy LDCs and SIDS since its operationalization in 2014.

We wish to express our gratitude to Her Excellency Nazhat Shameem Khan, President of the Council for her warm welcome. We also thank the OHCHR for its invaluable support, particularly through the informative briefings on the work and processes of the Council.

Through this exposure to the work of the Council, which has provided the platform to better understand human rights mechanisms and processes, we can contribute even more to the promotion and protection of human rights at the national level.

We reiterate our gratitude to Member States for supporting the Trust Fund, and, call for the continued, active support of Member States to the Fund, to achieve universal participation at the Human Rights Council.

I thank you.