



**Pledge submitted by The Bahamas to the Human Rights 75 Secretariat  
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**PLEDGE NUMBER 1:** Pledge pertinent to Statelessness and Equality: The Bahamas commits to addressing the issue of statelessness and ensuring equality in nationality rights. We pledge to ensure that Bahamian men and women can pass their citizenship to their children at birth and upon adoption regardless of their marital status or the child's birthplace. Furthermore, The Bahamas is dedicated to improving birth registration processes by strengthening the registration process and ensuring the registration of all unregistered births in the country, so as to prevent statelessness and ensure every child's right to a nationality.

**Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised:** Jan 1, 2030

**PLEDGE NUMBER 2:** Pledge on strengthening cooperation with the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights As host country for the proposed regional office of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) for the Caribbean Community, The Bahamas pledges to strengthen its cooperation with the OHCHR, particularly through technical assistance and capacity-building requested from OHCHR to support efforts to promote and protect human rights at the national and regional levels.

**Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised:** Jan 1, 2030

**PLEDGE NUMBER 3:** Pledge on National Human Rights Mechanisms: The Commonwealth of The Bahamas pledges to strengthen and develop its national human rights mechanisms in alignment with international standards. This includes the establishment of a Parliamentary Human Rights Committee, the creation of an Independent National Human Rights Institution in compliance with the Paris Principles, through the Office of the Ombudsman, and the strengthening of the National Reporting Cooperation Mechanism (NRCM) or National Mechanism for Implementation, Reporting and Follow-up. Central to these efforts is the installation of the National Human Rights Recommendation Tracking Database (NRTD), ensuring our commitment to human rights is transparent, accountable, and progressive.

**Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised:** Jan 1, 2030

**PLEDGE NUMBER 4:** Pledge on Climate Change: Recognizing the critical importance of protecting our global climate for present and future generations, The Bahamas pledges to take proactive and significant steps in combating climate change, including its impact on the full enjoyment of human rights. This commitment involves advocating for global environmental protection, ensuring inclusivity in relevant decision-making and including the voices of youth,

implementing sustainable practices domestically, and participating actively in international climate change dialogues. We are dedicated to safeguarding our unique environmental heritage and contributing to the global effort against climate change and its adverse effects on human rights.

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