

INTERVENTION BY BARBADOS RE. UNSC AGENDA ITEM 3 (m)

Thank you Chair,

Barbados does not support the Report presented for our region. We do not think that it adequately captures the work being done within Caribbean countries. We suggest that greater collaboration with CARICOM is necessary, to obtain progress reports by Caribbean countries, which are shared during the annual meetings of the Standing Committee of Caribbean Statisticians (SCCS). The work of the latter group is supported by an Advisory Group on Statistics (AGS), which meets twice a year.

- Relating to Censuses, CARCOM has a Regional Census Coordinating Committee, which receives reports from countries on population census.
- We have already referred to our work on the ICP in a preceding statement, to be submitted to the Commission.
- Re. the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA), while efforts in this area are noted, most Caribbean countries are momentarily focused on bridging the gaps in the provision of basic data, prior to moving to this system.
- The discourse on MDGs in the report does not make reference the Caribbean-specific MDGs, which were developed for our region.

Thank you.

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