

**Consideration of Conclusions & Recommendations Made to Grenada on the Presentation of its Report**

In response to the conclusions and recommendations made to Grenada on the presentation of its report, Government of Grenada wishes to state the following:

1. **On abolition of Death Penalty and establishing a formal moratorium on execution:**

Response: Government of Grenada cannot accept this recommendation because Death Penalty is still part of the laws of Grenada. However, it is instructive to note that there is de facto moratorium on death penalty in Grenada. The Death Penalty in Grenada is no longer mandatory as enunciated in the Privy Council's decision in 2006. While it remains in the laws of Grenada, it has not been applied for decades.

2. **As it relates to extending open and standing invitation to all the special procedures of the United Nations:**

Response: Government of Grenada is willing to cooperate with all human rights mechanism as it relates to extending open invitation. However, in view of burden associated with open invitation, bearing in mind the limited resources of Grenada, Government cannot at this time, extend an open and standing invitation to special procedure. Nonetheless, Government of Grenada acknowledges the pivotal role the special procedure plays in ensuring compliance with human rights obligations and hopes to be able to extend the invitation when its resources can meet the burden.

3. **With respect to Ratification of Treaties such as core Human Rights Instruments, Convention against Torture, Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families, International Criminal Court and other conventions and also the fulfilment of its International obligation:**

Response: Government will consider the ratification of necessary treaties that it has not considered but cannot accept the recommendation of ratifying all these treaties. There is ongoing review of all treaties and human right instruments with a view of taken position on them, within the context of local laws, available resources and its own priorities. In fact, a new Counsel, has been employed to facilitate this process and Government of Grenada will welcome any assistance towards moving the process forward especially in the area of reporting and fulfilling its obligation in timely manner.

4. **Harmonization of Domestic laws to meet its international obligations:**

Response: Government will consider the harmonization of its local laws to conform to the international obligations within the context of available technical resources. In fact, this is part of on going law reform process.

5. **On establishing Human Rights Institution in line with Paris's Principles:**

Response: Government of Grenada accept to consider this recommendation that it should work towards the establishment of human rights institution in line with Paris's Principles. As indicated in its report, there is an existing Human Right Institution in Grenada and Government intends to strengthen this existing Institution's capacity towards recognition so as to conform to Paris's Principles. Also, there is in existence an office of Ombudsman which Government intends to strengthen to perform its function in accordance with the relevant laws.

6. **With respect to taking steps to improve prisons condition, overcrowding and housing of detainees:**

Response: Government will accept this recommendation to consider taking further steps to alleviate any traces of overcrowding observe in the prisons. Government has been taking all steps to address this issue and in fact, there is ongoing effort in this regard as a new prison facility is under construction.

7. **As it relates to abolishing Corporal punishment:**

Response: Government cannot accept this recommendation because the use of corporal punishment is permitted under local laws of Grenada in some instances. Accordingly, as it is permissible under the law, Government cannot prohibit its use. However, awareness is being raised regarding the issue and to encourage its non-application.

8. **On adequate protection of Children under the domestic laws :**

Response: Government accept this recommendation to further take appropriate measures to protect children under its laws. It is instructive to note that under the present laws, children, (boys and girls) are given equal protection but harmonisation of necessary legislation is being contemplated. All reported abuses relating to children are promptly investigated and the Child Welfare Authority works together with Police in this regard.

9. **With respect to the issue of raising minimum age of criminal responsibility to accepted level:**

Response: Government will consider this recommendation and will attempt to address this issue under the ongoing law reform exercise.

10. **On the effort to reduce Domestic Violence:**

Response: Government of Grenada accept the recommendation to increase its efforts to prevent domestic violence and to strengthen actions to assist victims of domestic violence. In this regard, it is also instructive to note that Government attached significant importance to crime prevention and security and will continue to strengthen the Police Force in the pursuit of professional excellence.

**11. As it relates to adopting domestic legislation to ensure that Human Trafficking is prohibited under criminal code and harmonization of legal provisions on the punishment and prevention of human trafficking:**

Response: Government of Grenada accepts to consider the recommendation to harmonize the provision of its domestic laws on the punishment and prevention of human trafficking. However, it is to be noted that though the offence of human trafficking is not criminalised under the criminal code, related offences are criminalised under the Grenada Criminal Code. Further, Government of Grenada will strive to continue to raise awareness on the crime of human trafficking. The Palermo Protocol has been ratified and there is ongoing effort and discussions to specifically criminalize the offence of human trafficking under the laws of Grenada.

**12. On the question of decriminalization of sexual offences between consenting adults of same sex:**

Response; Government of Grenada cannot accept this recommendation as this is an offence under the domestic legislation. Government would however continue to raise awareness on the issue and encourage tolerance.

**13. With respect to strengthen original programme aimed at achieving universal secondary education:**

Response: Government accept this recommendation and will continue to strive to strengthen ongoing programme aimed at achieving universal secondary education.

**14. On the issue of continuing the implementation of programmes aimed at achieving a national health-care system that responds adequately to the needs of the population and make possible efforts to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS:**

Response: Government of Grenada will accept this recommendation and continue to implement programmes that will provide efficient and holistic health care services with a view of achieving a national health-care system that serves the need of the populace.

**15. Lastly, with respect to seeking assistance to be able to fulfil its international obligation:**

Response: Government will seek necessary support and assistance where it is needed to fulfil its international obligation. Of course, Grenada welcomes any assistance that will be helpful in the discharge of not only its international obligation but also, in terms of general assistance to enhance its ability to perform better.