

## Item 6: Universal Periodic Review (UPR) adoption of Bahamas

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Mr. President,

During the current cycle of Universal Periodic Review, the Bahamas received recommendations calling for an improvement in the detention conditions of prisoners there. The Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI) remains deeply concerned about [‘inhumane’ prison conditions](#) in The Bahamas, which have led to [a series of inmate deaths](#). CHRI especially urges the Government of the Bahamas to address overcrowding, [unhealthy conditions](#), [poor availability of resources](#) and [high rates of crime](#) and [drug abuse](#) in prisons.

Reportedly over 700 irregular migrants and asylum seekers from Haiti, Jamaica and Cuba are being held in inhumane conditions<sup>1</sup> at the [Carmichael Detention Centre](#). CHRI calls on The Bahamas to address [mistreatment of undocumented migrants](#).

Mr. President, CHRI welcomes the interest expressed by several States during the UPR Working Group session in January, towards establishing national human rights institutions in their countries in line with the Paris Principles.

Finally, CHRI calls upon the government of Bahamas to ratify the UN Convention Against Torture and International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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