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#### Grenada

#### Addendum

Views on conclusions and/or recommendations, voluntary commitments and replies presented by the State under review

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## Response of the Government of Grenada to 148 recommendations

1. Grenada welcomes the recommendations made at the occasion of the third cycle of the Universal Periodic Review in Geneva on January 27, 2020. Following the review, the National Coordinating Committee which comprises various government ministries and non-governmental organizations; along with civil society evaluated the recommendations in an attempt to draft plans for the implementation of the accepted recommendations.

2. Grenada is pleased to advise that of the 148 recommendations that it received during the 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle review, 99 were accepted and 49 were noted. Grenada's responses to the recommendations are organized into thematic areas as presented in the table below.

<i>Recommendation</i>	<i>State position</i>	<i>Comments</i>
<b>Thematic area 1: Cooperation with the OHCHR</b>		
94.1	Accepted	Grenada supports this recommendation and has engaged the OHCHR at least twice during its second UPR cycle and plans for future engagement; particularly with respect to the establishment of its National Human Rights Institution.
<b>Thematic area 2: Cooperation with treaty bodies</b>		
94.2, 94.3, 94.4	Accepted	Grenada accepts these recommendations and has undertaken to establish a mechanism to ensure that overdue reports are submitted.
<b>Thematic area 3: Scope of international obligation</b>		
94.5	Accepted	The Government of Grenada ratified CO 29-Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (NO.29) on July 9, 1979. Given that the United Nations considers that PO 29- Protocol 2014 to the Forced Labour Convention 1930 should be ratified and implemented; Government will consider ratification after holding dialogue with social partners and other stakeholders.
94.6	Accepted	Grenada supports this recommendation.
94.7	Accepted	Grenada accepts this recommendation. Grenada has already ratified 7 core human rights treaties and will continue to examine its capacity to accede to others.
94.8, 94.9, 94.14	Accepted	Grenada supports these recommendations. It should be noted that Grenada's Education Act 2002 encourages inclusiveness; emphasizing that the State must provide opportunities for everyone.
94.10	Noted	Grenada will continue to ratify treaties/conventions that are in keeping with its current realities and its resource capacity. At present there isn't an indigenous community in Grenada; therefore Grenada notes this recommendation.
94.11, 94.12	Accepted	Grenada supports these recommendations. The Government of Grenada ratified CO 97 Migration for Employment Convention, 1949 on July 9, 1979.
94.13	Accepted	Grenada supports this recommendation as is evident by its ratification of the Convention of the Rights of the Child in 1990.

94.25	Noted	Grenada continues to review all treaties and human rights instruments intending to support those that are relevant to Grenada and are within our resource capacity.
94.26	Noted	Although Grenada is willing to cooperate with all human rights mechanisms, we remain concerned with the burdens related to extending an open invitation to special procedure at this time.

**Thematic area 4: Right to life, liberty and security of the person/death penalty**

94.15, 94.16, 94.17, 94.18, 94.19, 94.20, 94.74, 94.75, 94.76, 94.77, 94.78, 94.79	Noted	Grenada notes these recommendations and draws attention to the fact that a de facto moratorium has been in place in Grenada since 1978. However, Government commits to continuing to engage the public as it pertains to the abolition of the death penalty since this requires fundamental policy change.
94.21, 94.22	Accepted	Grenada supports these recommendations.
94.24	Noted	Grenada notes this recommendation and commits to further review of the convention.
94.73	Accepted	Grenada supports this recommendation.

**Trafficking of persons**

94.86, 94.88, 94.89	Accepted	Grenada accepts these recommendations as it continues to make strides in implementing policies and Standard Operating Procedures that safeguard against human trafficking.
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**Thematic area 5: Children's rights**

94.23	Accepted	Grenada welcomes this recommendation.
94.143	Accepted	Grenada supports this recommendation as it persists in implementing further programs with a view of defending the rights of its youngest citizens; while encouraging the public to do the same.

**Thematic area 6: Institutional and human rights infrastructure and policy measures/national human rights institution**

94.27, 94.28, 94.29	Accepted	Grenada accepts these recommendations. The priority of Government to see that the human rights of its citizens are protected are not only enshrined in its constitution and protected by numerous pieces of legislation; but forms the basis of our National Sustainable Development Plan as Government's plans for sustainable development are people-centric. Cabinet has since the last review commissioned a National Coordinating Committee to conceptualize the process for the establishment of the National Human Rights Institute. Additionally, the Committee will map out the follow-up process, ensure wide consultation, draft action plans and report to Cabinet.
94.30	Accepted	Grenada supports this recommendation.
94.31, 94.32, 94.33, 94.34, 94.35, 94.36, 94.37, 94.38, 94.39, 94.40, 94.41	Accepted	Grenada accepts these recommendations. Grenada has since the 2 <sup>nd</sup> UPR review approved the creation of its National Humans Rights Institution.

**Thematic area 7: Equality and non-discrimination**

94.42, 94.43	Accepted	Grenada supports these recommendations and is willing to engage in social awareness programs to promote non-discrimination.
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**Thematic area 8: Right to privacy, marriage and family life**

94.44, 94.45, 94.46, 94.47, 94.48, 94.49, 94.50, 94.51, 94.52, 94.53, 94.54, 94.55, 94.56, 94.57, 94.58, 94.59, 94.60, 94.61, 94.62, 94.63, 94.64, 94.65, 94.66, 94.67, 94.90	Noted	Government commits to seeking assistance from the OHCHR for engagement with the relevant local stakeholders as it pertains to this issue; noting that this is a significant deviation from current legislation and would as a result require extensive public consultation to garner the necessary support for policy change.
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**Thematic area 9: Climate adaptation plan/build climate resilience**

94.68, 94.69	Accepted	Grenada welcomes these recommendations. Due to the inextricable link that exist between sustainable development and human rights; Government has implemented through its Ministry of Climate Resilience a series of initiatives to ensure that its vulnerable citizens are considered in its plans to respond to natural disasters and emergency situations. In fact, Grenada's National Disaster Management Agency (NADMA) has initiated retrofitting of Emergency shelters to allow persons with disabilities access to these buildings if the need arises.
94.70, 94.71, 94.72	Accepted	Grenada accepts these recommendations, noting that it has benefited from regional as well as international funding to strengthen infrastructure and community resilience to climate change. Additionally, Grenada became the first CARICOM country to approve a National Adaptation Plan (NAP), a tool introduced by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) as a way for countries to reduce their vulnerability to the impacts of climate change by building adaptive capacity and resilience.

**Thematic area 10: Corporal punishment**

94.80, 94.136, 94.137, 94.138	Noted	Grenada notes these recommendations. Government will engage in public awareness to discourage the practice; highlighting that this requires a fundamental policy shift and public consultation.
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**Thematic area 11: Improvement of penitentiary system**

94.81	Accepted	Grenada supports this recommendation.
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**Thematic area 12: Protection of journalists/freedom of information**

94.82, 94.83, 94.84, 94.85	Accepted	Grenada supports these recommendations. In 2007, Grenada drafted its Freedom of Information Act with a view to protecting the rights of its citizen to access public information.
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**Thematic area 13: Gender equality**

94.87, 94.115, 94.116 Accepted Grenada accepts these recommendations as Government continues to implement measures aimed at empowering women while ensuring equal opportunities for all.

**Thematic area 14: Women’s rights and empowerment**

94.91, 94.92, 94.93, 94.119 Accepted Grenada welcomes these recommendations as it continues to emphasize women empowerment through employment.

94.114, 94.120, 94.121, 94.122 Accepted Grenada supports these recommendations as it continues to promote the rights of women and children; as well as implement legislation for their protection against abuse.

**Thematic area 15: Improve standard of living, poverty reduction**

94.94 Accepted Grenada supports this recommendation and highlights its numerous social safety net programs that target the vulnerable in society.

94.95, 94.96, 94.97, 94.98 Accepted Grenada accepts these recommendations noting that a major priority of its National Sustainable Development Plan is the improvement in the standard of living of its people. In fact, aspects of this plan are already in the implementation phase.

**Thematic area 16: Right to health/sexual and reproductive health**

94.99 Accepted Grenada accepts this recommendation.

94.100, 94.110, 94.139 Accepted Grenada supports these recommendations as it continues to promote sex education for the prevention of teenage pregnancy.

94.101, 94.102, 94.103 Noted Grenada notes these recommendations highlighting that this requires a fundamental policy shift and public engagement.

94.104 Accepted Grenada supports this recommendation.

**Decriminalize abortion**

94.105 Noted Grenada notes this recommendation.

**Thematic area 17: Right to education**

94.106, 94.107, 94.108, 94.109, 94.111, 94.112, 94.113 Accepted Grenada supports these recommendations and highlights its numerous programs that ensure that all children have access to education. This also includes Government’s action plan for ensuring that teenage mothers continue to have access to education.

**Thematic area 18: Sexual and child abuse, violence against women**

94.117, 94.118 Accepted Grenada accepts these recommendations.

94.123, 94.124, 94.125, 94.126, 94.127, 94.128, 94.129, 94.130, 94.131, 94.132, 94.133 Accepted Grenada supports these recommendations.

94.134, 94.135, 94.140 Accepted Grenada welcomes these recommendations.

**Thematic area 19: Child labour**

94.141, 94.142, 94.148 Accepted Grenada supports these recommendations. It is important to note that Grenada has not had any report of child labour. The Government has taken a preventative approach towards the eradication of child labour. It has implemented various programs to aid vulnerable families in ensuring that students have access to education without having to resort to child labour. Additionally, Grenada has ratified ILO Conventions C138 Minimum Age Convention 1972 and C182.

**Thematic area 20: Persons with disabilities**

94.144, 94.145, 94.146, 94.147 Accepted Grenada welcomes these recommendations as it strives to protect the rights of all its citizens.

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