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Statement of the Algerian Delegation on the UPR of Tuvalu

Mr. President;

My delegation welcomes the distinguished delegation of Tuvalu headed by H.E. *Ms. ESe Afinele* and expresses its appreciation for the engagement of Tuvalu in the UPR process despite the challenges ~~it is facing with regard~~ *relates* to climate change and lack of human and financial resources.

We note with appreciation the positive developments occurred since the previous review, particularly:

- the inclusion of international human rights standards in national legislations,
- the measures undertaken in favor of the persons with disabilities,
- the adoption of the National Women's Policy and the draft National Youth Policy (2012-2016) as well as the Family Protection and Domestic Violence Bill

We have the following two recommendations for Tuvalu:

- **Consider adopting a National Plan adapted for children and early childhood**
- **Pursue the efforts aiming at promoting women rights and ensuring gender equality, with particular attention to the access of women to justice and women participation in public life.**

We wish all the success for Tuvalu in the implementation of the key national priorities identified in the national report. We seize this opportunity to echo the request of the Government of Tuvalu for technical and financial assistance to this aim.

Thank you.