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UPR-Tuvalu

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Mr. President,

Azerbaijan warmly welcomes the Delegation of Tuvalu to the UPR and thanks for the presentation of the national report.

We congratulate Tuvalu for its eager cooperation with UN human rights mechanisms, including the submission of its report on the CRC and the visit of Special Rapporteur on clean water and sanitation. We are also encouraged by the readiness of Tuvalu to accede to the core international human rights treaties. Taking into account the lack of capacity in terms of skills, knowledge and financial resources, we recommend Tuvalu to further continue internal consultations and request the technical assistance of relevant UN institutions in that regard.

We positively note the efforts of Tuvalu for gender mainstreaming, empowerment of women and combating domestic violence, including advocacy and lobbying activities, the adoption of Police Powers and Duties Act of 2009. We recommend Tuvalu to continue its internal measures for the adoption of Family Protection and Domestic Violence Bill.

We are aware of the constraint faced by island state Tuvalu in promotion and protection of human rights such as lack of capacity, financial and human resources. The negative impacts of climate change, especially the severe drought period of 2011 as well necessitate the relevant support of partners and organizations to Tuvalu on the implementation of its human rights obligations.

Thank you for your attention.