

UPR Tuvalu: Comments by Ireland, 24 April 2013

Ireland welcomes the Tuvalu delegation and expresses appreciation for the comprehensive National Report.

Ireland, noting the adverse impact of sea level rise on food security, water, health on the people of Tuvalu, appreciates and welcomes the position of the government on the need for the international comments address human rights dimensions of climate change.

Ireland recommends that Tuvalu ratify the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. We urge that Tuvalu ensure that the provisions of international human rights treaties are fully implemented in policy and practice.

On access to justice issues, Ireland urges that the Office of the People's lawyer is given necessary human and financial resources so that the Office operates effectively in all the islands.

On the Religious Organisations Act adopted in January 2011, Ireland recommends that it be amended or repealed so as to establish a legal framework ensuring that everyone is free to practice his or her own religious faith without penalty.