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Thank you, Mister President.

We welcome the distinguished members of the delegation of Tuvalu.

Italy welcomes the efforts deployed by Tuvalu in order to comply with the international standards on human rights and implement CRC and CEDAW to which it is part. Taking note of the internal debate on the possibility to accede to the core human rights instruments, Italy would like to reiterate its **recommendation** that Tuvalu increase efforts to swiftly ratify fundamental treaties on human rights, such as ICCPR and ICESCR, also by taking advantage of the available international technical assistance to address possible shortcomings in fulfilling the requirements of the international treaties.

Notwithstanding the action deployed by the Government to protect the rights of women, reports indicate that its impact is still limited. In this regard, Italy would like to **recommend** that Tuvalu work out and implement all those necessary measures - including legislative revisions - aiming at contrasting discrimination and stereotypes against women, in particular those conducive to abuses and violence. Italy furthermore **recommends** Tuvalu to support the Family Protection and Domestic Violence Bill with an institutional strategy and sufficient resources to enhance the prevention of domestic violence, combat impunity, and grant adequate access to justice for the victims.

I thank you, Mr. President