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Montenegro warmly welcomes (head of delegation) and the Tuvalu delegation. We support Tuvalu's commitments to the UPR process and wish the delegation success in the UPR engagement.

We have noticed that CEDAW has expressed its concern that the 1986 Constitution did not include sex as a prohibited ground of discrimination and that neither the Constitution nor other legislation embodied the principle of equality between women and men or contained a definition of discrimination against women. In addition, CEDAW Committee has expressed concern over disadvantaged position of women in rural areas and the low levels of participation of women in public and political life.

We would like to know if the Government of Tuvalu has taken any concrete steps in order to amend the Constitution and to incorporate into the legislation the principles of equality between women and men and prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex and gender?

Montenegro makes the following recommendations:

- We call on Government to extend a standing invitation to all thematic special procedures.
- We call the Government to become a party to the UN core human rights treaties.