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**Intervention by the Netherlands**

Mr. President,

The Netherlands would like to thank the government of Tuvalu for its national report and the detailed explanation of the national human rights situation in Tuvalu by Mr/Ms………………...

The Netherlands welcomes the Tuvalu National Women’s Policy, which is a positive step towards promoting gender equality and women’s participation in the public sector. The Netherlands will continue to monitor its implementation, as the position of women is still vulnerable. We recommend that the government of Tuvalu continue its efforts to guarantee gender equality by, for example, launching a public awareness campaign in order to stop violence against women and impunity for crimes against women.

Finally, the Netherlands recommends the government of Tuvalu, if necessary with assistance from the UN and UN member states, to ratify the main human rights treaties and to investigate the possibility of the establishment of a national human rights institute.

I thank you, Mr. President.