

HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL  
16<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP OF THE UPR  
REVIEW OF TUVALU  
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STATEMENT BY NIGERIA

Mr. President,

The Nigerian delegation welcomes the delegation of Tuvalu and thanks them for the presentation of their UPR report. We commend them for the effort they put into preparing the report and for the progress made in promoting and protecting human rights in their country. We also commend Tuvalu for the progress made in ensuring that human rights standards are included in national legislation. We note, with admiration, Tuvalu's efforts to empower women through its National Women's Policy and young people through its National Youth Policy.

Having read their National Report, we would like to make the following recommendations for the consideration of the delegation of Tuvalu:

- i. The Government of Tuvalu should strengthen its commitment to empowering women and youth and continue to build on the achievements already made. In this regard, the Government of Tuvalu should expedite action on its review of the National Youth Policy, which is currently underway.
- ii. The Government of Tuvalu should intensify efforts to establish a National Human Rights Commission in order to consolidate and secure the gains made in promoting and protecting the human rights of the people of Tuvalu.

I thank you.

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