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Thank you, Mister President. The Philippines welcomes the delegation of Tuvalu to the 16th session of the Working Group on the UPR and thanks H.E. Jonathan Isaac Adams for the presentation of their national report. *Ms. Eric A. ...*
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The Philippines recognizes the efforts of Tuvalu to address the challenges in advancing the human rights of its people. We take particular note of the progress in building the normative framework and institutions for advancing and protecting human rights, including the enactment of several laws and establishment of government offices, like the People's Lawyers Office and the Department of Women's Affairs. ~~We recommend that Tuvalu dedicate adequate resources for these institutions.~~

My delegation also ~~notes~~ *notes* the ratification ~~of~~ *by* Tuvalu, of CEDAW and Convention on the Rights of the Child. ~~We recommend that Tuvalu considers pursuing ratification of other core international human rights conventions, including the International Convention on Protection of the Rights of Migrant Workers and Their Families.~~

to pay human rights instruments, particularly attention for the elimination of discrimination against women

My delegation welcomes Tuvalu's commitment to continue and complete work on national strategic plan key priorities, such as the establishment of Ombudsman Commission.

Noting, however, the resources constraints of Tuvalu, my delegation recommends that Tuvalu continue to actively engage its regional and international partners to mobilize necessary resources for the implementation of human rights program.

As a country whose people that stands to suffer from the adverse impact of climate change, the formulation of Tuvalu of human rights based National Adaptation Program of Action on climate change and Tuvalu's active engagement in the international arena on the issue of climate change are noteworthy. My delegation fully supports Tuvalu's appeal to the international community for assistance to enable it to fully implement its climate change adaptation program. *with the end in view of promoting and protecting the human right of the people of Tuvalu.*

In closing, Mr. President, the Philippines wishes Tuvalu success in its second periodic review.

Thank you, Mister President.