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UPR of TUVALU

Mr. President,

Slovenia warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Tuvalu. We appreciate their presence here today and thank for their report on the implementation of first cycle recommendations, as well as the answers provided to our advance questions.

Slovenia welcomes the progress that the Government of Tuvalu has been made in relation to the human rights commitments and obligations, as well as in ensuring that human rights standards are included in national legislation. On the other hand we noted that CEDAW expressed concern at violence against women, including domestic violence. We would like to **recommend** that Tuvalu creates an institutional strategy to reduce domestic violence.

As indicated in the national report Tuvalu has ratified two international human rights treaties, namely Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). Therefore we would like to repeat our **recommendation** from the 1st cycle for the ratification of other core human rights treaties, particularly the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESC).

We welcome that Tuvalu agreed to a visit by the Special Rapporteur on the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation in 2012. In this regard we would like to reiterate her **recommendation** that Tuvalu adopts and implements a national water strategy and plan of action covering the entire population, and that access to water and sanitation be affordable to all, in particular to those who have a lower income.

Thank you.