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Statement by Armenia

Thank you Mr President

Armenia welcomes the delegation of Vanuatu and thanks them for the detailed presentation of human rights situation in the country. We take note of the achievements marked in Vanuatu after the first UPR cycle.

In this regards, Armenia highlights the national policies and action plans in the field of education, health care, women's rights and equality, particularly the National Plan of Action for Women 2012-2016, Education for all 2001-2015, National Strategic Plan for HIV 2014-2018.

We also note the measures undertaken by the Government of Vanuatu in order to improve the health care system and ensure adequate access to basic health services in the county, particularly through the National Policy and Strategy for Healthy Islands 2011-2015 implemented by the Ministry of Health.

Armenia recommends to Vanuatu:

- 1. to consider accession of the Convention of Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide;
- 2. to further address human rights issues in the county, especially through promoting of human rights education.