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**Review of Bhutan**

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**Thank you Mr President**

Solomon Islands warmly welcome the Bhutan delegation to the 19<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR Working Group, and the presentation of their comprehensive report.

We acknowledge and commend Bhutan for the efforts it has taken towards greater protection and realisation of human rights in the prevention of domestic violence, child care and protection, and in disaster management. In particular, we commend Bhutan's efforts in mainstreaming gender in its development plans and policies. We also congratulate them for their commitment to collaborate and provide support to the civil society organisations recognising the critical role they play in the advancement of human rights. We note Bhutan's need in terms of technical assistance and capacity development to overcome ~~constraints it encounters in fulfilling its international human rights~~ obligations.

In this connection, we make the following recommendations for their considerations:

- i To continue to establish its cooperation with the international human rights mechanisms and the consideration of extending a standing invitation to all Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council; and
- ii To develop and submit proposals for capacity development assistance in disaster management. Such a proposal may include as an example, strengthening the knowledge of relevant national stakeholders on the impact of climate change and of sound disaster management from a human rights perspective.

Thank you.