



**PERMANENT MISSION OF SOLOMON ISLANDS TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS IN GENEVA**

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2<sup>nd</sup> Review of Kiribati**

**STATEMENT BY MR. BARRETT SALATO, MINISTER COUNCILOR AND CHARGE D' AFFAIRS, 19 JANUARY 2015**

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**Thank you Mr. President,**

Solomon Islands warmly welcomes the Delegation of Kiribati led by Honourable Tangariki Reete to the 21<sup>st</sup> Session of the UPR Working Group of the Human Rights Council and the presentation of the National Report for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Review of Kiribati.

We commend the efforts of the Government of Kiribati in implementing the recommendations and acknowledge the establishment of the Ministry of Women, Youth and Social Affairs (MWYSA) and the Kiribati National Human Rights Taskforce in July 2014.

Solomon Islands also notes the progress made in drafting policies in the areas of disability, inclusive education, child labor, gender equality and women's development. In this connection:

**We recommend that Kiribati makes every effort to finalize these policies and to progress in achieving measurable results in their implementation within the timeframe prior to its next UPR.**

**Solomon Islands had noted with interest the Male Advocates Program being implemented in Kiribati as an outcome from the National Action Plan in the area of Gender Based Violence and we thank the Delegation for the additional information provided about this *Program*.**

In the area of environment and climate change, we wish to recommend that:

**The Government of Kiribati considers strengthening the positive impact expected from the Kiribati Joint Implementation Plan on Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management on human rights through training of the relevant stakeholders on human rights approaches to Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management.**

To this end, we encourage Kiribati to develop an action plan with a view to seek assistance from the international community to address the government priorities identified in its National Report.

Thank you Mr. President