**Statement of Kenya**

**at the review of Nauru**

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**Mr. /Ms. President,**

Kenya extends a warm welcome to the delegation of Nauru to this 2ndcycle of the UPR.

We thank them for the comprehensive and thorough presentation of their national report.

We welcome the Government’s efforts in implementing the recommendations accepted at the last UPR cycle; among them, we note the adoption of a national women’s policy, and a national policy on disability. We also welcome the ratification of CEDAW in 2011, the CRPD in2012, and CAT in 2012.

My delegation however notes there are existing challenges for Nauru. Among them, we take note of the regional resettlement arrangement of migrants and refugees which places Nauru in the role of a major offshore processing and detaining location for refugees, stateless persons and other migrants. There are significant concerns expressed in the report pointing to arbitrary detention of refugees, migrants and stateless persons; poor detention conditions which fall below international standards; and the lack of protection for refugees, stateless persons and other migrants. These and other challenges deserve the positive attention of the Government.

***We make the following recommendations to Nauru:***

**1. To review the regional resettlement arrangement in order to end the offshore processing and offshore detention of asylum seekers; and to release asylum seekers from detention while their claims are being processed, priority being given to releasing children and families as soon as possible; and, in the interim, to provide adequate safeguards for the detainees in detention, including providing reasonable standards of security and hygiene.**

**2. To expedite the submission of national reports to the human rights treaty bodies including to the CRC, CEDAW, CAT and CRPD.**

**3. To ratify the ICCPR and ICESCR.**

**I thank you.**