



**Universal Periodic Review 24th Session
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Statement on behalf of Fiji for the review of Seychelles, delivered by Ajendra Pratap, First Secretary.

Fiji welcomes the delegation of the Seychelles to Geneva and thanks it for the presentation of its national report. Like Fiji, Seychelles faces unique challenges as a Small Island Developing State in its efforts to promote and protect human rights.

1. Fiji notes that a new government department entitled 'Climate Change and Energy' has been established to give further focus to climate change related issues, and that the government has implemented a number of climate change related projects. It would be important for the Seychelles to make a clear linkage on how consequences of climate change, such as flood mitigation, impact on the rights of Seychelles' citizens, such as access clean and safe water, on the right to a clean environment.
 - (i) Fiji recommends that the department of Climate Change and Energy be explicitly tasked to examine the human rights implications of climate change, particularly as it relates to the State's ability to realise socio-economic rights.

2. Fiji notes the concerns raised about an overreliance on pre-trial detention, and concerns about a sharp increase in the Seychelles prison population, resulting in difficulties in managing overcrowded and mixed prisons. Accordingly,
 - (i) Fiji recommends that the Seychelles review its prison conditions in line with the UN Standards Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners.
 - (ii) Fiji also recommends to implement the results of such review before the third cycle of its UPR.