

Statement by H.E. Archbishop Silvano M. Tomasi, Permanent Representative of the Holy See to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva at the United Nations Human Rights Council - 24th Session of the Universal Periodic Review SEYCHELLES

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Mr. President,

The Holy See welcomes the Delegation of Seychelles on the occasion of the presentation of its second National Report to the Universal Periodic Review.

My Delegation acknowledges the various efforts made by Seychelles to guarantee better the effective implementation of Human Rights through the development of a five year National Action Plan on Human Rights (SNAP-HR). We also recognize the attention given to promoting education through the "Education Medium Term Strategy 2013-17 and Beyond (EMTS)", as well as the adoption of a two-year National Action Plan and Strategic Framework on Trafficking in Persons.

My Delegation would like to present the following recommendations:

- 1. To increase its efforts to safeguard women and children from domestic violence and to protect persons with disabilities.
- 2. To continue its efforts in order to place a premium on education, particularly by assuring that there be a sufficient number of properly trained local teachers.

Thank you, Mr. President.