

Review of Solomon Islands

Statement by Armenia

Armenia welcomes the delegation of Solomon Islands and thanks for the presentation of the national report.

We welcome the measures undertaken to ratify the international human rights treaties and optional protocols. However, we note that there still remain many core international human rights treaties to be ratified. We encourage Solomon Islands to step up efforts in this regard.

Armenia welcomes the National Strategy for the Economic Empowerment of Women and Girls that was endorsed by the government in August 2015. We also note the steps taken to promote education for all. However, there are still number of challenges in the area to be addressed, such as the inadequate education infrastructure, affecting girls in particular.

We have two recommendations for Solomon Islands:

- 1) To accede to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide,
- 2) To take the necessary steps to improve education infrastructure with the aim of ensuring girls' access to school.