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**UPR – Solomon Islands
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Thank you, Mr. President.

We welcome the distinguished delegation of the Solomon Islands, and thank them for their presentation and national report.

Italy welcomes the progress achieved by the Solomon Islands since the last cycle of the UPR and the priority assigned to poverty alleviation and climate change through the ten year National Development Strategy and the Climate Change Policy 2012-2017. We also welcome the measures taken to contrast human trafficking, and encourage the Authorities to keep prioritizing this issue.

Italy takes note with appreciation of the steps taken to contrast violence and discrimination against women, and in particular of the recent endorsement of the National Strategy for the Economic Empowerment of women and girls. In order to further strengthen the promotion and protection of women's rights, Italy **recommends** to ensure the effective implementation of the Family Protection Act of 2014. We furthermore **recommend** to strengthen the role of the Family Violence Support Unit of the Police and to provide all police forces with adequate training on how to treat cases of violence against women and domestic violence and how to provide support to victims.

We understand the challenges that the Solomon Islands are facing in complying with their reporting commitments. Still, we believe that being a part to human rights Treaties and instruments can be of great help and assistance to all States in order to enhance the promotion and protection of human rights. For this reason, we **recommend** that the Solomon Islands consider ratifying the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and its Second Optional Protocol.

We wish the Solomon Islands every success in their UPR.

Thank you.