



Statement by H.E. Archbishop Ivan Jurkovič, Permanent Representative of the Holy See to  
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PAPUA NEW GUINEA  
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Mr. President,

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

My Delegation acknowledges the various efforts made by Papua New Guinea to guarantee better the effective implementation of Human Rights through the adoption of the Family Protection Act (2013), which criminalizes domestic violence. We are glad to note the attention given to child safety through the Child Protection Act (2015), as well as the National Identity Project of 2015, which aims at registering all citizens and providing them with a birth certificate.

My Delegation would like to recommend to Papua New Guinea:

1. To continue with its efforts to combat violence against women and children, especially domestic violence and violence related to accusations of sorcery.
2. To maintain the moratorium on the use of the death penalty, with a view to abolishing it.
3. To reinforce policies that favour access to education for rural population.

Thank you, Mr. President