

25th Session of the UPR Working Group

Review of Samoa

Statement by Armenia

We welcome the delegation of Samoa and thank for the presentation of the national report.

We note the Inclusive Education Policy 2014 and appreciate its focus on improving educational opportunities and outcomes for young children and children with disabilities. We also welcome the adoption of the Family Safety Act 2013, which provides for the protection of women and children from domestic violence. We encourage Samoa to step up efforts in this regard.

Armenia appreciates Samoa's intention expressed in the national report to ratify the core human rights instruments. We hope the process of their ratification will be completed in due time. We attach high importance to the timely ratification of 2 of them in particular. Therefore, we recommend Samoa:

- 1) To accede to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide
- 2) To accede to the International Covenant on the Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

We wish Samoa a successful review.