**CUBA UPR**

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Samoa warmly welcomes the Hon. Minister, Bruno Rodriguez Parilla and delegation.

Despite the embargoes, and challenges stemming from climate change, we commend Cuba on their resilience and progress, especially in the development of the COVID-19 Vaccine, universal education, and the adoption of their new Constitution in 2019. We further commend Cuba on their active engagement as a HRC member.

Samoa’s recommendations are as follows,

1. With the support of OHCHR, establish a national mechanism for reporting and follow-up, and consider establishing a human rights recommendation tracking database to support its work,
2. Strengthen international cooperation in regard to the improvement and expansion of early warning systems, and increasing capacity building in the field of disaster risk reduction, both at the national and community level.
3. Continue to enhance human rights education, by raising awareness on the right to a safe and healthy habitat, and to a healthy and balanced environment,

 and

1. Incorporate climate change education into the school curriculum.

I thank you