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**German Recommendations**

Mister President,

Germany welcomes the delegation of Tuvalu to the fourth UPR cycle and commends Tuvalu for promoting human rights in the areas of food security, working conditions and housing.

Germany further recognizes that Tuvalu has ratified the CRPD in 2013 and joined CEDAW in 1999. However, we also note the lack of ratification of a number of other important international human rights convention. In addition, high rates of violence and discrimination against women and girls, people with disabilities and queer communities, particularly in the areas of education and health, remain a concern.

Germany therefore recommends Tuvalu to:

* Ensure the ratification and implementation of crucial UN-Conventions, such as the ICCPR, ICESCR, CAT, ICMW, ICERD und CPED;
* Improve the protection of people with disabilities from discrimination and exclusion and prioritize their full and equal participation at all levels of society;
* Adopt measures to end violence against all women and girls and ensure their fundamental human rights, including access to essential services;
* Decriminalize homosexuality and implement measures to protect LGBTIQ+ communities.

Thank you, Mister President.

**GERMAN ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO Tuvalu:**

* Recognizing the lack of financial and capacity resources, what possible course of action does Tuvalu see to ratify ICESCR, CAT and ICCPR? Is Tuvalu planning to ratify ICMW, ICERD, CPED?
* What measures will be taken by the government of Tuvalu to prevent discrimination based on disabilities?
* What measures will Tuvalu take in order to improve LGBTIAQ+ rights and acceptance?
* Given that the Covid-19 pandemic has presented particular challenges to the Pacific region: To what extent has this led to a disadvantage in school education, particularly for girls? What are Tuvalu’s plans to address such inequalities?
* What actions has Tuvalu taken to address violence against women and girls since the last UPR? What are Tuvalu’s plans to further address this issue?