**Permanent Mission of Montenegro to the United Nations and other international organizations**

**Statement by Montenegro**

**UPR 4th Cycle – Review of Tuvalu**

**Geneva, 8 November 2023**

Montenegro welcomes the distinguished delegation of Tuvalu and thanks for the presentation of the report.

We commend the participation of all citizens of Tuvalu in the process of constitutional revision.

We note positive steps in environmental and labour issues, poverty reduction, improving the quality of life and health services, as well as actions taken to address gender equality. In this regard, Montenegro welcomes the adoption of Tuvalu’s National Strategic Plan 2020 -2030 and National Health Strategic Plan for 2020-2024, launching the National Climate Change Policy 2020-2030, enactment of the Labour and Employment Relations Act 2017, as well as the updated version of Tuvalu National Gender Equity Policy. Montenegro calls on the Government to dynamize the full implementation of these acts.

On the other hand, Montenegro notes with concern that Tuvalu still has not ratified the core human rights instruments and calls on the Government to intensify efforts in this regard.

Montenegro reiterates its call to the country to ratify the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights as soon as possible.

Montenegro recommends to Tuvalu:

1. To take steps to ensure that the National Human Rights institution could effectively exercise its mandate, with sufficient resources;
2. To ensure that restrictions on the right to peaceful assembly are strictly in line with international human rights law and that any disproportionate or discriminatory restrictions are repealed;
3. To repeal all discriminatory laws against women and girls that are contrary to its international human rights obligations.

Montenegro wishes Tuvalu a successful UPR cycle.

I thank you.