

Statement by

**the Republic of Slovenia**

at the

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Excellencies,

Slovenia thanks the delegation of Tuvalu for their national report, its presentation today, as well as country’s dedication to the UPR process.

Slovenia welcomes the progress that the government of Tuvalu has made in relation to the human rights commitments and obligations.

Slovenia would like to **recommend** to government of Tuvalu to speed up efforts to ratify remaining core human rights treaties, particularly the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) and Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment and Punishment (UNCAT).

Slovenia welcomes the legislative measures taken to establish the Office of the Ombudsman. We **recommend** taking necessary measures to establish an independent and operational national human rights institution and to ensure that it complies with the principles relating to the status of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (the Paris Principles).

Given the vulnerability of Tuvalu to climate change, Slovenia **recommends** placing the rights and participation of children and older personsin climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies.

We remain thankful to Tuvalu for its contribution and wish every success in this UPR process.

I thank you.