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Thank you, Mr. President.

Vanuatu warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Tuvalu to this 4th cycle of the UPR and thanks them for the presentation on the human rights situation in the country.

Vanuatu commends the Government of Tuvalu for the adoption of the Tuvalu’s National Strategic Plan 2020 -2030 aimed at protecting and promoting human rights for all Tuvaluans.

In a spirit of open and constructive dialogue Vanuatu recommends Tuvalu the following:

1. Consider ratifying the ICCPR (International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights);
2. Continue to strengthen national policies on climate change to mitigate its adverse effects with a special regard to vulnerable groups such as persons living with disabilities, women, girls, and elderly.

Vanuatu wishes Tuvalu a full success at this review.

I Thank you.