**MEXICO UPR**

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Mr. Vice President

We extend our appreciation to Mexico for the presentation of their report, and warmly welcome the esteemed delegation.

Samoa commends Mexico on the enactment of programs and plans, based on human rights principles which includes equality and inclusion.

We further commend Mexico’s efforts to combat enforced disappearances and their multiple engagements with the related Committee.

Samoa also welcomes the publication of the protocol on the right of Indigenous Peoples to free, prior and informed consultation.

In this regard, we recommend,

1) Strengthen institutional frameworks, and increase resources towards preventing and solving enforced disappearances.

And 2)

Ensure that consultations and decision-making processes pertaining to the development of indigenous land and territories must be fully inclusive and have the meaningful participation of Indigenous Peoples.

We wish Mexico every success in the UPR.

I thank you