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Review of Comoros

President,

Armenia welcomes the Comorian delegation and thanks for the presentation of the National Report today.

Armenia appreciates the legislative and administrative measures aimed at the promotion and protection of human rights undertaken since the previous review, in particular, adoption of a new Criminal Code in 2020 which criminalizes sexual assault and trafficking in persons, and defines and punishes torture in line with international standards, also amending the law on the National Commission for Human Rights and Freedoms in 2023 to align it better with the Paris Principles, and ratifying several ILO conventions related to social security, migrant workers, and forced labor.

Armenia commends measures to enhance gender equality and gender parity as recommended during the previous cycle by Armenia and welcomes steps towards increased levels of women’s participation in decision-making bodies in the Comoros, as demonstrated by the signing of the Hamramba Declaration.

In the spirit of constructive engagement, we recommend that Comoros:

* makes further efforts to eliminate child marriage,
* intensifies its efforts to reduce poverty through expanded social protection programs, inclusive economic opportunities, and increased access to basic services, with a focus on the most vulnerable.

In conclusion, we wish the delegation of the Comoros a successful UPR review.

I thank you.