**UPR Dominican Republic**

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Thank you, Mr. President/Madame Vice-President

We extend our appreciation to the delegation of the Dominican Republic for their report, and presentation.

We recognize the implementation constraints faced by Small Island Developing States in particular, challenges stemming from the impacts of climate change. In this regard, we commend the Dominican Republic for their efforts in combatting corruption, discrimination and violence against women, and further strengthening the protection of children.

Samoa would like to make the following recommendations,

1. Strengthen environmental protection, through the enforcement of environment impact assessments and/or relevant policy and legislative frameworks.
2. Intensify efforts to implement the National Gender Equality and Equity Plan 2020-2030 with the support from development partners.

We wish the Dominican Republic every success for their UPR.

I thank you