

**Statement delivered by Sumbue ANTAS**

**Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Vanuatu**

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Thank you, Mr Vice-President,

Vanuatu welcomes to the delegation of Dominican Republic and thanks the delegation for the presentation of its national report.

Vanuatu congratulates Dominican Republic for its remarkable strides in reducing poverty and fostering economic empowerment, embodying a commitment to ensuring economic, social, and cultural rights for all citizens through innovative initiatives.

In a constructive spirit, Vanuatu recommends Dominican Republic:

1. To take proactive steps to strengthen its response to climate change. This entails developing and executing policies aimed at reducing its effects, with a particular emphasis on safeguarding human rights, particularly for vulnerable populations impacted by environmental deterioration.
2. To ensure disability inclusion and protection via legislative measures, support services, and socio-economic integration.

Vanuatu wishes the delegation of Dominican Republic a successful UPR.

Thank you.