

**Statement delivered by Sumbue ANTAS**

**Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Vanuatu**

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Mr. President,

Vanuatu welcomes to the delegation of New Zealand. We are honoured of the presence of the Minister Goldsmith and thanks him for the presentation of the national report.

Vanuatu recognises New Zealand’s continued proactive approach in addressing climate change and sustainable development policies, step up international cooperation and intensify its efforts to alleviate poverty.

Vanuatu acknowledges New Zealand efforts to implement comprehensive strategies to address gender-based violence, including improving support services for victims, enhancing legal frameworks, and raising public awareness.

In a constructive spirit, Vanuatu encourage New Zealand to continue investing in and expanding Māori-medium education to preserve and promote the Māori language and culture.

Vanuatu wishes the delegation of New Zealand a successful UPR.

I thank you.