

**Statement delivered by Sumbue ANTAS**

**Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Vanuatu**

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Thank you, Mr President,

Vanuatu welcomes to the delegation of North Macedonia and thanks the delegation for the presentation of its national report.

Vanuatu extends warm congratulations to North Macedonia on its progress in promoting social cohesion. The enactment of laws promoting language diversity and the transformation of governmental bodies to foster inter-community relations are commendable steps towards fostering unity and respect for all citizens.

In a constructive spirit, Vanuatu recommends North Macedonia to

1. Promote sustainable practices and develop and implement policies to mitigate the impact of climate change.
2. Proactively address the rights of persons with disabilities, especially in its endeavors to ensure full inclusion in the open labor market. Such efforts are crucial for fostering a more inclusive society and enhancing opportunities for all individuals.
3. Prioritize the recognition and support of climate refugees within its policies and frameworks.

Vanuatu wishes the delegation of North Macedonia a successful UPR.

I thank you Mr President