**UPR Uruguay**

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Thank you Mr/Madame Vice President,

Samoa extends a warm welcome to the Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs Omar Paganini and delegation.

Since the last UPR, Uruguay has made progress in combatting gender-based violence and domestic violence, in particular incorporating femicide into the penal code, enactment of GBV policies and increase of budget allocation for the National Institute for Women.

Samoa therefore recommends,

1. Intensify efforts to prevent, combat and eradicate violence against women, and girls.
2. In partnership with OHCHR or relevant partners, conduct human rights awareness programs for law enforcement, with a view to provide appropriate support to victims of gender-based violence.

Lastly, we commend Uruguay on their establishment of their Ministry of Environment, and recommend to 3) Strengthen measures on environment protection, and initiatives addressing climate change.

We wish Uruguay, every success for this new cycle.

I thank you