ARMENIA

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Review of Vanuatu

President,

Armenia welcomes the delegation of Vanuatu and thanks for the presentation of its 4th National Report.

Armenia expresses its support for the current efforts and initiatives aimed at enhancing the importance of human rights by implementing specific measures that focus on promoting individual freedoms as well as economic and social rights.

Armenia commends Vanuatu's efforts to promote women's rights as outlined in its national report, including measures to address domestic violence through legislation and support services. We welcome women's rights as a priority under the National Gender Equality Policy 2021-2030 and associated Provincial Action Plans, and hope for full implementation of mainstreaming gender equality across sectors.

In the spirit of cooperation, Armenia recommends Vanuatu:

* firstly, reiterating our recommendation made on the 3rd cycle to consider ratifying the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, to take concrete steps to finalize the ratification process as a continued commitment to prevent atrocities.
* to expedite efforts to enact comprehensive disability inclusion legislation that explicitly prohibits discrimination, establishes mechanisms for remedy seeking, requires accommodation and supported decision-making, allocates funding for implementation in line with its CRPD obligations.

We wish Vanuatu a successful UPR review.

I thank you.