**KYRGYZ REPUBLIC**

**Statement**

**46th Universal Periodic Review – Vanuatu**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Kyrgyzstan welcomes the delegation of Vanuatu, appreciates the engagement in the UPR process, as well as the developments made since the last UPR Review.

We recommend:

1. Encourage international cooperation to support climate resilience, disaster risk reduction, and sustainable development in the Pacific region, in view of Vanuatu’s vulnerability to climate change and its impact on human rights;
2. engage in constructive dialogue with civil society organizations, indigenous communities, and other stakeholders;
3. invest in human rights education programs for citizens, including schools, universities, and community centers, promote awareness campaigns to inform people about their rights and responsibilities;
4. encourage further steps to empower women economically, socially, and politically;
5. promote cultural preservation and respect for traditional practices, taking into account the importance of protecting the rights of indigenous peoples, including traditional land tenure.

We wish Vanuatu success in this Fourth UPR cycle.

I thank you!