

**Statement delivered by Sumbue ANTAS**

**Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Vanuatu**

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M. President,

Vanuatu warmly welcomes to the delegation of Dominica and thanks the delegation for the presentation of its national report.

Vanuatu commands the country for its notable accomplishments in the field of human rights. We recognize that, as a fellow Small Island Developing State, these take place against a backdrop of myriad challenges, not least of which is the existential threat of climate change. We particularly welcome its National Resilience Development Strategy (NRDS) 2030 and other initiatives such as the establishment of SMART Health Centres, resilient hurricane shelters, and the on-going housing revolution programme to integrate climate resilience and disaster risk management into the National Growth and Development Planning Framework.

With a view to support further progress, Vanuatu recommends that Dominica to:

* Enhance Smart Sustainable Agriculture and Agro-processing for Climate Resilience
* Seek technical assistance from regional and international partners, in accordance with Dominica’s needs and priorities, to enhance the country’s capacity in the field of human rights.

Vanuatu wishes the delegation of Dominica a successful UPR.

I thank you.