

**Statement delivered by Sumbue ANTAS**

**Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Vanuatu**

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Mr. President,

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

Vanuatu recognises Norway’s continued proactive approach in protecting children and in empowering parents. We welcome the new Child Welfare Act came into force in 2023 which emphasises preventive efforts, early intervention and strengthening legal protections for children.

In a constructive spirit, Vanuatu recommends that Norway to:

* Ensure that the right to private and family life is duly implemented, in accordance with the Convention on the Rights of the Child and other applicable international human rights treaties.
* Ensure that children who are separated from their families are not prematurely placed in long-term care and, where appropriate, are allowed to have regular contact with their parents with a view to ensuring family reintegration and prevent family separation.

Vanuatu wishes the delegation of Norway a successful UPR.

I thank you.