**Statement**

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**Madam President,**

Iran welcomes the delegation of Nauru and thanks them for presentation of their national report.

Iran recognizes that Nauru faced challenges in ensuring sustainable social and economic development owing to scarcity of fresh water resources, geographical isolation, environmental degradation and the emergence of chronic health problems.

Iran would like to offer the following recommendations:

1. Ratify and implement the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights as well as the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights;
2. Strengthen the independence of the judiciary and of the governing bodies of the judiciary, including by ensuring the right of due process in line with international human rights standards;
3. Develop transparent nationwide legislations and administrative measures to promote the enjoyment of the right to freedom of expression and the right to access to information;
4. Continue to make robust preparations to mitigate the likely negative impacts of climate change on the lives of Nauru citizens and their access to clean water;
5. Take necessary legislative and administrative measures in order to protect the rights of women and children and persons with disabilities;

We wish Nauru a successful review.

**I thank you.**