Thank you Mr President,

We thank the delegation of India for your report and we wish you success in the preparation of your National Action Plan on Human Rights.

Samoa welcomes the Supreme Court’s interpretation equating the right to live in a healthy environment with the right to life. And recommends for India to adopt concrete measures implementing the right to live in a healthy environment, in particular to water and sanitation.

We recommend continuing government efforts in the protection of mangroves, forests, marine bio-diversity, and costal systems.

We further recommend that India adopt disaster risk reduction measures that will adequately protect people from the unavoidable impacts of the climate crisis.

I thank you