JAPAN: 4th UPR

31 January 2023, 9 am – 12.30 pm

Madame Vice-President

Samoa welcomes H.E. Mr. Takao IMAFUKU and commends Japan for their ongoing work in human rights education and progress on their SDG Initiatives.

We recommend for Japan to continue to exert effort and assistance to all evacuees affected by the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear disaster, such as housing, finance, health services and monitoring.

In the spirit of dialogue, with regard to safeguarding the health and security of the Blue Pacific, its people and prospects from the potential threat of nuclear contamination; and in line with the Pacific Leaders ‘concerns, we recommend:

1)      Refrain from discharging radioactive wastewater in the Pacific ocean until all concerns from the Pacific island countries including information gaps are addressed*;*

2)      Intensify research, investment, and utilisation of alternative discharge and storage methods of nuclear waste that minimize harm to human health and environmental damage; and

3)      Fully comply with international obligations, in particular UNCLOS including a comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment on the proposed Fukushima Daiichi discharge; and to continue international consultations, and undertake independent and verifiable assessments.

I thank you