**UPR Fourth Cycle: Tonga**

**1 May 2023**

Thank you Mr President,

Samoa warmly welcome the Hon. Minister Fekitamoeloa Tuoikamanu, and delegation to Geneva, and kindly thank them for their national report.

We commend Tonga on their universal health coverage for their citizens, and their efforts towards achieving a Resilient Tonga by 2035.

Samoa recognizes the challenges faced by Pacific SID especially in regards to the ratification of human rights instruments, data collection, reporting and implementation. We therefore recommend for Tonga to establish a National Mechanism for Implementation, Reporting and Follow-Up (NMIRF), and to request technical assistance from OHCHR and other development partners to establish the NMIRF.

We further recommend enhancing human rights awareness and education during national climate consultations, in particular on the rights of the child, women, and persons with disabilities.

Lastly, we recommend mainstreaming climate change and environment education into the school curriculum.

We wish Tonga every success in their review.

Malo aupito, I thank you