**UPR Fourth Cycle: Commonwealth of the Bahamas**

**3rd May 2023, 2.30 pm – 6 pm**

We extend a warm welcome to the Honourable Minister and esteemed delegation of

The Commonwealth of the Bahamas, and thank them for their presentation.

Despite the obstacles caused by climate change, natural disasters and COVID-19, Samoa commends the positive progress made by the Bahamas, with regard to rights of persons with disabilities, right to decent work, and legislative, and policy reforms.

Samoa would like to recommend the following,

1) Enhance cooperation and technical assistance with OHCHR and relevant partners in the drafting, implementation and enforcement of the Strategic Plan on GBV and Anti-Gender Based Violence Bill once adopted.

2) Mainstream climate justice and the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable

environment into the civics curriculum for public schools.

3) Strengthen initiatives that encourages and elevates the participation of

women and girls in political and public life.

We wish the Commonwealth of the Bahamas a successful review.

I thank you