



National Statement delivered by Danyal Hasnain, Third Secretary, during the 4th UPR
Review of Tonga
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Mr. Vice President,

We welcome the delegation of Tonga and thank it for presentation of the 4th UPR report.

We welcome the continued cooperation of Tonga with UN human rights mechanisms and appreciate the measures taken by Tonga to further human rights agenda in its country, including the National Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality Tonga Policy, Strategic Plan of Action 2019-2025, Establishment of the Family Protection Legal Aid Centre and ratification of the ILO Convention on the Worst Forms of Child Labour, 1999.

We have the following recommendations:

- Further reinforce measures for protection of the most vulnerable groups including older persons and persons with disabilities;
- Continue to reinforce social protection mechanisms to safeguard rights of women, including their right to work and participate in the public sphere; and
- Strengthen measures to protect child rights.

We wish Tonga a successful UPR.

I thank you!