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Statement by India

Mr. President,

We welcome the H.E. Ms Roline Lesines, the Vice-Chairperson of the UPR Committee of Vanuatu, and thank her for the presentation of the Outcome Report of the UPR of Vanuatu. India feels privileged to have been part of the troika of countries selected to facilitate this review which took place on 12 May 2009.

Mr. President,

India welcomes Vanuatu's constructive engagement with the UPR process despite the difficulty of not having a representation in Geneva and considers this to be symbolic of Vanuatu's commitment to the protection and promotion of human rights of its citizens. We note with appreciation its recent ratification of the ICCPR, CEDAW, the CRC and the CRPD and the enactment of the Family Protection Act that could go a long way in protecting and promoting the rights of women in Vanuatu. India also recognises the daunting challenges that Vanuatu faces being a Small Island Developing State and an LDC.

Mr. President,

We thank the Vanuatu delegation for its commitments to the promotion and protection of human rights and wish them the very best in their efforts.

Thank You Mr. President.