



**National Statement, delivered by Mr. Junaid Suleman, First Secretary, during the 3<sup>rd</sup> UPR Review of Papua New Guinea**

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**Madam President,**

We thank Papua New Guinea's delegation for presentation of UPR report and acknowledge consultative process for the preparation of the report.

We commend candid approach, exhibiting both government's commitment to comply with human rights obligations as well as identifying challenges including due to resource and capacity constraints.

We appreciate the adoption of Independent Commission against Corruption Act and hope that the envisaged Commission would help ensuring financial transparency and implementing socio-economic policies effectively.

We also welcome the launch of National policies on youth, education, health and persons with disabilities. These policies may help in promoting access to education, health, employment as well as achieving sustained human development.

We recommend Papua New Guinea to:

- a) Continue with efforts for the establishment and operationalization of the National Human Rights Commission.
- b) Take measures to deal with socio-economic challenges and seek international assistance for promoting progress towards achieving SDGs.

I thank you.