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## **Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review\***

**Nauru**

**Addendum**

**Views on conclusions and/or recommendations, voluntary commitments and replies presented by the State under review**

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## **Response of the Government of the Republic of Nauru to recommendations in the report of 26 January 2011 of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review (A/HRC/17/3)**

1. The Republic of Nauru welcomes the recommendations made during its Universal Periodic Review on 24 January 2011.<sup>1</sup> Nauru has given the recommendations careful consideration, and its responses are as follows:

### **Scope of international obligations – Recommendations 1 to 27**

2. International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), and its two Optional Protocols (recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 13, 14, 17, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25 and 27) - Nauru **accepts** the recommendations.

3. International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR), and its Optional Protocol (recommendations 1, 4, 5, 6, 13, 14, 17, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25 and 27) – Nauru **notes** the recommendations but advises that it is not considering becoming a party to the ICESCR and its protocol at this time.

4. International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD) (recommendations 1, 5, 6, 13, 17, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25 and 27) – Nauru **notes** the recommendations but advises that it is not considering becoming a party to the ICERD at this time.

5. Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and its Optional Protocol (recommendations 1, 5, 6, 13, 17 and 18) – Nauru **notes** the recommendations but advises that it is not considering becoming a party to the CRPD and its protocol at this time.

6. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and its Optional Protocol (recommendations 1, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 24 and 25) – Nauru **accepts** the recommendations.

7. Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT) and its Optional Protocol (recommendations 1, 5, 6, 13, 14, 16, 17, 20, 23, 24, 25 and 27) – Nauru **accepts** the recommendations.

8. International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (CPED) (recommendations 1, 5, 13, 14 and 17) – Nauru **notes** the recommendations but advises that it is not considering becoming a party to the CPED at this time.

9. Optional Protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (recommendations 1, 5, 7, 13, 17, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24 and 27) – Nauru **accepts** the recommendations.

10. International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (ICRMW) (recommendations 1 and 5) – Nauru **notes** the recommendations but advises that it is not considering becoming a party to the ICRMW at this time.

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<sup>1</sup> The full text of the recommendations can be found in the report of the UPR Working Group dated 26 January 2011 (A/HRC/17/3).

11. Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol (recommendations 6 and 24) – Nauru **accepts** the recommendations.
12. International Labour Organization (ILO) fundamental conventions (recommendation 6) – Nauru **notes** the recommendation but advises that it is not considering becoming a party to any of the ILO fundamental conventions at this time.
13. United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (recommendations 15, 17, 20 and 27) – Nauru **accepts** the recommendations.
14. Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness (recommendation 24) – Nauru **accepts** the recommendation.
15. Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (recommendation 26) – Nauru **notes** the recommendation and advises that it is already a State Party to the Rome Statute.
16. Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (recommendation 26) – Nauru **notes** the recommendation but advises that it is not considering becoming a party to this Convention at this time.

### **Legislation and Constitution – Recommendations 28 and 29**

17. Constitutional reform (recommendation 28) – Nauru **accepts** the recommendation.
18. Legislation for protection and promotion of women’s rights (recommendation 29) – Nauru **accepts** the recommendation.

### **Infrastructure – Recommendations 30 to 34**

19. Consideration of a national human rights institution (recommendations 30, 31 and 32) – Nauru **accepts** the recommendations.
20. Designation of government official(s) to coordinate child protection efforts (recommendation 33) – Nauru **accepts** the recommendation.
21. Permanent mission in Geneva (recommendation 34) – Nauru **notes** the recommendation but advises that it is not considering opening a permanent mission in Geneva.

### **Policies – Recommendations 35 to 41**

22. Promotion and protection of human rights (recommendations 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40 and 41) – Nauru **accepts** the recommendations.

### **Cooperation with human rights mechanisms – Recommendations 42 to 53**

23. Standing invitation to the Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council and the request from the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention (recommendations 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47 and 48) – Nauru **accepts** the recommendations.
24. Submission of periodic reports (recommendations 49, 50, 51, 52 and 53) – Nauru **accepts** the recommendations.

### **Non-discrimination – Recommendations 54 to 56**

25. Promotion and protection of the rights of women, young persons and disabled persons (recommendation 54) – Nauru **accepts** the recommendation.
26. Legislation on gender equality and gender violence (recommendation 55) – Nauru **accepts** the recommendation.
27. Inclusion of the role of women in national development in the National Sustainable Development Strategy (recommendation 56) – Nauru **accepts** the recommendation.

### **Right to life – Recommendations 57 to 72**

28. Abolition of the death penalty (recommendation 57) – Nauru **accepts** the recommendation.
29. Measures to combat domestic and sexual violence, particularly against women and children (recommendations 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71 and 72) – Nauru **accepts** the recommendations.

### **Administration of justice – Recommendation 73**

30. Strengthening of legal and judicial sectors (recommendation 73) – Nauru accepts the recommendation.

### **Right to privacy – Recommendations 74 and 75**

31. Decriminalisation of consensual sexual activity between adults of the same sex (recommendations 74 and 75) – Nauru accepts the recommendations.
32. Recognition of the principle of non-discrimination (recommendation 75) – Nauru accepts the recommendation.

### **Freedom of expression – Recommendations 76 to 80**

33. Improved access to government information (recommendations 76, 77 and 78) – Nauru accepts the recommendations.
34. Reduction of the voting age from 20 years to 18 years (recommendation 79) – Nauru notes the recommendation but advises that it is not considering lowering the voting age at this time.
35. Measures to address the lack of women representation in Parliament (recommendation 80) – Nauru accepts the recommendation.

### **Standard of living – Recommendations 81 to 88**

36. Strengthen programmes to fight poverty (recommendation 81) – Nauru accepts the recommendation.
37. Continue efforts to attain food sovereignty (recommendation 82) – Nauru accepts the recommendation.

38. Development of a rights-based approach to challenges posed by climate change, and other climate change and environmental issues (recommendations 83, 84, 85, 86 and 87) – Nauru accepts the recommendations.

39. Strengthened efforts to protect the right to physical and mental health (recommendation 88) – Nauru accepts the recommendation.

### **Right to education – Recommendations 89 to 93**

40. Continued action to enhance educational opportunities for all, including for those persons with disabilities (recommendations 89, 90, 91 and 92) – Nauru accepts the recommendations.

41. Continued action to reinforce the right to health (recommendation 89) – Nauru accepts the recommendation.

42. Promotion of recovery and conservation of traditional knowledge (recommendation 93) – Nauru accepts the recommendation.

### **Refugees – Recommendations 94 to 96**

43. Improved measures to safeguard the rights of refugees and asylum seekers, and continued public awareness of refugee and asylum seeker issues (recommendations 94, 95 and 96) – Nauru accepts the recommendations.

### **Follow-up to UPR – Recommendation 97**

44. Engagement of civil society in UPR follow-up (recommendation 97) – Nauru accepts the recommendation.

### **International cooperation – Recommendations 98 to 102**

45. Partner with other Pacific Island States to address human rights issues (recommendation 98) – Nauru accepts the recommendation.

46. Seek international assistance to address issues of: food security; access to clean water; environmental pollution; employment creation; and climate change (recommendations 99, 100 and 101) – Nauru accepts the recommendations.

47. Seek assistance regarding international reporting obligations and implementation of international commitments (recommendation 102) – Nauru accepts the recommendation.

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