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Madam President,
Dear Human Beings,
Excellency's,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Greetings of peace and of understanding,

The Center for Global Nonkilling addresses this message to you, in your professional capacity, congratulations, but also because of all our personal and common responsibilities, our commitment in favor of our humankind.

Foremost, we laud the Government of Palau for its decision to ratify the Convention on the prevention and the punishment of the crime of Genocide, as recommended by Armenia and Russia (88.33-34). Such recommendations were noted in the previous cycle. Thank you.

Secondly, we hope this ratification will happen soon as, worldwide, there has been no new ratification since 2019.

Thirdly, we thank the recommending states, namely again Russia and Armenia and, in our own capacity, we encourage these States as any other, if asked for it, to bring their full support to the ratification process.

Universal ratification of the genocide convention will show a clear sign that humanity cares for itself in its diversity and in full respect for the right to life.

Hoping to celebrate this ratification soon, we wish to Palau and its people a nonkilling future and happy and effective implementation of its UPR conclusions.

Thank you Madame President.