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Madam President, Dear Human Beings, Excellency's, Dear delegation of the Solomon Islands, 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.

We sincerely regret that the Government of the Solomon Islands has noted, without further explanations, the recommendation made by Armenia (104.27) for the ratification of the Convention on the prevention and the punishment of the crime of Genocide. Solomon Islands is, in this UPR session, the only country who noted such a recommendation.

Following the Solomon Islands over the cycles, we note with pleasure a wish to advance with reports and ratifications. However, much more can still be done, and we hope that the commitments taken through the UPR cycles will be fully upheld.

However, the Solomon Islands suffered a few years back from what could be labeled a "governance issue and an ethnic conflict". Lives were lost, people left the country or were internally displaced, huge amount of property was destroyed.

There is therefore plenty of good reasons to see the Solomon Islands using the ratification of the genocide convention as a token of peace given to its various communities in the course of building peace and reconciliation; moreover, as ratification is not a very heavy legislative and administrative process. However, we still encourage the government to designate a focal point for the responsibility to protect and to change its position on this ratification. Please!

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

Thank you Madam President.

Thank you for your kind support