

**UN Women statement on UPR outcome for Papua New Guinea, HRC 33 item 6  
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Thank you Mr. President!

I would like to begin by congratulating the Government of Papua New Guinea for the ongoing efforts to address human rights abuses, and in particular gender based violence, through the adoption and implementation various policies and legislation.

However, UN Women also notes that the establishment of a Human Rights Commission in Papua New Guinea is still outstanding and encourages the Government to consider establishing one, as a matter of high priority. This is particularly needed, given the findings of the three UN Special Rapporteurs' Reports on Torture, Violence Against Women and Extrajudicial Killings.

UN Women also notes the delayed submission of PNG's report to the Committee on Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and encourages its timely submission. UN Women and our Country Office in Papua New Guinea stand fully committed to continue to provide support where required to the people and government of PNG to promote human rights based initiatives that support women's empowerment and gender equality.

Thank you!