Tuvalu Association of NGO (TANGO) VNR Statement.

We acknowledge the work conducted by our Tuvalu government on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda at the national level and for the submission of the Voluntary National Review (VNR) 2022. However, the Tuvalu Association of Non-Government Organisations (TANGO) is deeply concerned as we have not been able to provide a robust input into the national VNR report due to last minute consultation.

- 1. On that note, we call upon our Tuvalu government to be mindful of SDG Goal 17.7 on the need for genuine and meaningful partnerships and formal collaboration with Tuvalu CSOs for the achievements of the goals of the Te Kete and ultimately the SDGs.
- 2. CSOs observe that the Tuvalu Medical scheme need to be more inclusive and transparent. TANGO calls upon the Tuvalu Government when dealing with the plight of the left-behind and the 28% of the population who are categorized as poor to include access to the Tuvalu Medical Scheme to be inclusive, transparent and targeted to the whole society and not just the privileged few.
- 3. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions (Public Finance Management support to TANGO) CSOs note the need for sustainable inclusive and simple public finance for all in Tuvalu to strengthen the engagement of Civil Society in national budget process. CSOs are also calling upon donors in general and Tuvalu funding partners that they should contribute their funding towards Government as well as NGOs in such a way that NGOs get a just and unbiased portion of the funding. The reason is because realistically most of CSOs in Tuvalu are NGO organisations. Practically this initiative would be very essential for the achievement of the SDG Goals and Indicators; given the fact that the current Government budget process do not involve civil society.