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STATE OF HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT 2020

I submit the "State of Human Rights Report for 2020" as required by Section 40 of the *Ombudsman Act 2013*.

The 2020 Report gives a summary of the findings and recommendations of the Village Family Safety Committee Pilot Project - ESTABLISHING VILLAGE FAMILY SAFETY COMMITTEES PHASE I & II. The Project was born out of Recommendation 20 of the National Inquiry into Family Violence in Samoa conducted in 2018. Recommendation 20 focused on the establishment of Family Safety Committees in Villages to act as a preventive measure in communities.

As has been the practise in the past, for human rights reports to be useful to local and international entities who are interested in them, the Office released them once they are submitted to Parliament.

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Attached.