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**UPR of MARSHALL ISLANDS**

Mr. President,

Slovenia welcomes the distinguished delegation of Marshall Islands to the UPR Working Group and thanks them for their presentation today.

We commend Marshall Islands for ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. We further welcome Marshall Islands' efforts in the field of gender equality and empowerment of women, including the adoption of Domestic Violence Prevention and Protection Act of 2011 and work on new national gender policy.

We take note with appreciation the efforts in ensuring the right to education but remain concerned about the high high-school drop-out rates.

In light of this we would like to **recommend** to the Marshall Islands:

- to continue working towards the ratification of existing human rights treaties;
- to continue its efforts in effective implementation of Domestic Violence Prevention and Protection Act, including through awareness raising and changing mindsets and attitudes;
- to include sex and disability as grounds for non-discrimination in the Constitution;
- to continue efforts to reduce un-attendance and drop-out rate from the educational system.

Thank you.