



Statement by Sweden in the interactive dialogue on Marshall Islands

*Delivered by Minister-Counsellor Josefin Simonsson Brodén
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Mr President,

Sweden wishes to welcome the delegation and express our thanks for the information related to our advance questions.

The Committee on the Rights of the Child has recommended to the Marshall Islands that corporal punishment of children be prohibited in all settings. The Criminal Code authorises the use of force to correct children's misconduct.

Despite legal prohibition, violence against women is a highly widespread problem. In a survey carried out by the state in 2009, 70 percent of all married stated that they had been subjected to domestic violence.

Sweden recommends the Marshall Islands:

- 1) to prohibit corporal punishment of children in all settings, including the home, and to repeal the authorisation for the use of force to correct children's misconduct in the Criminal Code,
- 2) to take all appropriate measures to end domestic violence.

Thank you, Mr. President.