



UK Mission to the  
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## **United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland Statement**

### **Universal Periodic Review – The Marshall Islands May 2015**

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Thank you, Mr President.

The UK thanks the Republic of the Marshall Islands for its participation in the UPR. We recognise progress since the last review and commend the Marshall Islands' efforts to implement the recommendations, despite capacity and resource challenges. The UK welcomes measures taken to combat gender-based violence and protect the rights of children. Nonetheless, we are concerned that levels of sexual and gender based violence remain high and we encourage the Marshall Islands to take further action in this area and to ensure perpetrators of domestic violence are prosecuted.

We have two recommendations:

- We recommend that the Republic of the Marshall Islands ratify the Convention Against Torture, the International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights and the International Convention on the Elimination of All forms of Racial Discrimination.
- We recommend that the Marshall Islands moves towards swift implementation of its National Gender Policy as a positive step towards the goal of eliminating gender based violence.

Thank you, Mr President.