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Brazil welcomes the delegation of the Marshall Islands to the second cycle of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) and congratulates the country for their comprehensive report. We acknowledge the progress achieved since its last review, in 2010. Nevertheless, we believe that additional important steps are necessary towards the protection and promotion of its population's human rights.

Brazil, therefore, recommends that the Marshall Islands:

- 1) Ratify all the core international human rights treaties to which the country is not yet a party, including the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment as well as the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance;
- 2) Reform its legislation with a view to establish the prohibition all forms of corporal punishment of children, an indispensable component for the prevention and elimination of violence against children, as well as for the respect for children's rights, dignity and physical integrity.

Brazil was pleased to learn that the Marshall Islands has undertaken the review of its legal framework with a view to strengthening women's rights. We congratulate the country particularly for passing the Domestic Violence Prevention and Protection Act, in 2011, and encourage the adoption of the draft Gender Equality Policy.

It is also noteworthy the progress made with regard to the rights related to disability, including through the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the adoption of the National Policy on Disability Inclusive Development, in 2014, which provides a comprehensive framework for improving the quality of life and the participation in society of these individuals.

Thank you.