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Recommendations by Canada for the Marshall Islands' UPR

Thank you Mr. President,

Recommendations

Canada recommends that the Marshall Islands:

1. Take steps to strengthen the enforcement of existing laws criminalizing rape and domestic violence, including by vigorously investigating and prosecuting violence against women, and providing targeted training and capacity building to law enforcement officials.
2. Take immediate action to accede to the major human rights instruments, leading with the ICCPR and the ICESCR.

Observations

We welcome the enactment of a standalone law addressing domestic violence. We encourage the Marshall Islands to finalize the remaining Protocols, and develop strategies to implement the Domestic Violence Prevention and Protection Act (2011).

We remain concerned with reports of child malnutrition and limited access to healthcare and immunizations in rural communities. We encourage the Marshall Islands to continue to work toward the achievement of their UN Millennium Development Goals.