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Statement by the Delegation
Of the Arab Republic of Egypt
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Review of Marshall Islands
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The Egyptian delegation wishes to welcome the high level delegation of the Republic of Marshall Islands to the universal periodic review session.

Although the Government of Marshall Islands accepted recommendations during its first UPR in 2010 to ratify the main international human rights instruments, it has not ratified the majority of key human rights treaties including the ICCPR and ICESCR. Moreover, my delegation is concerned that indigenous rights to a sustainable way of life have been hugely impacted on by, inter alia, environmental contamination and displacement. It is likewise a matter of concern that the people of Marshall Islands experience real threats of increased droughts, fresh water shortages, sanitation problems, food security, coastal erosion, all of which represent clear threats to the Marshallese people's enjoyment of their human rights.

Finally, the Egyptian delegation wishes to propose the following recommendations for the kind consideration of the Government of Marshall Islands:

- Ratify all significant human rights treaties, so as to reinforce the implementation of, and compliance with, international human rights law in the country.
- Establish a national commission on human rights to coordinate, provide capacity development and assist with strengthening human rights implementation throughout the country.
- Promote good governance and transparency at the national and atoll administration levels, strengthen public and private sector accountability; and develop a human rights policy and management framework, including annual reporting on their social, environmental and economic impact, with appropriate monitoring and evaluation.
- Adopt temporary special measures to facilitate greater participation and representation of women in public offices, particularly in fields related to political and civil rights.

Thank you.
