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Statement by Portugal

Marshall Islands

Portugal welcomes the Delegation of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and thanks it for the presentation of the national UPR report.

Portugal welcomes the steps taken by the Marshall Islands to protect and promote human rights since its first UPR, including the adoption of the 2013 Public School System Act which established a public and free of charge school system. Portugal recommends that the Marshall Islands continue its efforts in this regard and adopts further measures to promote the realization of the right to education for all in an inclusive and non-discriminatory way, including for persons with disabilities.

Portugal further welcomes the Marshall Islands determination to prevent adolescent pregnancy as reflected in the development of its 2014-2016 strategy and recommends that this is thoroughly implemented, in cooperation with UNFPA.

Additionally, Portugal would like to offer the following recommendations to the Marshall Islands:

- To submit the overdue reports to the CEDAW and the CRC Committees at the earliest possible stage;
- To ratify the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and its Optional Protocol.

Thank you.