

22nd Session of the UPR Working Group

Review of Marshall Islands

Statement by Rwanda delegation.

Rwanda warmly welcomes the delegation of Marshall Islands and thanks them for the presentation of their national report, which reflects the steps taken to implement recommendations accepted during the first cycle review.

We note with appreciation the legislative development, national measures and policies aimed at promoting and protecting human rights. In particular, we commend Marshall Islands for enacting the Domestic Violence Prevention and Protection Act in 2011 as a standalone law to address domestic violence. We also note with appreciation the development of the National Gender Policy, which was scheduled for review by Cabinet in early 2015. We would be interested to know the outcome of the cabinet review.

Rwanda further commends Marshall Islands for adopting Disability Inclusive Development Policy to improve the quality of life of person with disabilities.

Rwanda would like to make the following recommendations:

- ***Establish a national commission on human rights,***
- ***Ratify or accede to the remaining core international human rights treaties.***

We wish Marshall Islands every success in the implementation of the recommendations accepted of this UPR.

I thank you