

24th Session of the UPR Working Group

Review of Palau

Statement by Armenia

Armenia welcomes the delegation of Palau and thanks for the presentation of the national report.

We recognize the challenges Palau faces as a small island state and appreciate the steps undertaken to promote the human rights in the country since its first review.

We welcome the government's awareness programs on certain areas of human rights and we hope these programs will be expanded further.

Armenia welcomes the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and we note that Palau has signed many core international human rights instruments. Accordingly, we encourage their timely ratification.

We have two recommendations for Palau:

- 1) To accede to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide,
- 2) To expand human rights training and awareness-raising programs so that they include all aspects of human rights.