

Italian intervention

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Thank you, Mr. President.

We welcome the distinguished delegation of Palau, and thank them for their national report and the presentation they shared with us today.

Italy commends Palau for its commitment to human rights and for the progress achieved since the last cycle of the UPR. We also welcome Palau's commitment and leadership in contrasting climate change.

We would like to take this opportunity to take note with appreciation of the steps taken to promote gender equality and further the protection of women's rights, and in particular the measures aimed at combating domestic violence and at protecting women and children from sexual abuse. We **recommend** Palau to consider ratifying the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and to ensure women equal inheritance rights.

As far as foreign workers are concerned, we commend the Authorities for having supported community awareness programs, that are crucial to avoid discrimination and foster integration. Italy **recommends** to continue implementing additional measures to fight discrimination against foreign workers, addressing in particular work conditions and the respect for occupational and safety standards.

Let me conclude by wishing Palau a successful UPR.

Thank you.