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Statement by Pakistan for the UPR of Palau
(24th Session of the Working Group on UPR)

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Mr. President,

My delegation would like to thank the delegation of Palau for the presentation of its 2nd national report on UPR.

We take note with appreciation of Palau's efforts to implement recommendations received during the first cycle of the UPR by signing the core human rights treaties at the margins of the 66th UN General Assembly in 2011, and for extending a standing invitation to all Special procedures of the human rights council.

We commend the establishment of an Ombudsman Office, measures taken to strengthen legal and justice systems, human rights awareness programs for gender equality, education, HIV and AIDS, disabilities, violence against women and children, human trafficking, non-communicable diseases, the impact of climate change on food security, health, property etc.

We appreciate the ongoing national legislation for strengthening protection of human rights, especially Family Protection Act (FPA) of 2012, New Penal Code, which includes Labour Trafficking, Anti-Smuggling and Anti Trafficking crimes and offenses, Child Exploitation crimes and offenses, as well as ratification of Convention on the Rights of the Child and Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

We also appreciate the government for encouraging the participation of girls and women in all social and economic spheres of Palau, and their increased participation in leadership roles. The inclusion of provision of minimum wage

law to improve the situation of labours and migrant workers and efforts to create a harmonized movement from rural to urban lands for better economic parity are all positive steps.

My delegation would like to recommend the following:

1. To enact specific legislation to implement the Convention on the Rights of the Child;
2. Continue to implement laws for further protection of human rights of the people; and
3. Continue to implement policies for development of its people under SDGs.

We wish Palau the best and a successful review.

I thank you.