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**Review of Federated States of Micronesia**

**Statement from Brazil**

Brazil welcomes the delegation of the Federated States of Micronesia to the UPR and has the honor to make the following two recommendations:

(1) to consider adopting a national legal framework to criminalize sexual abuse, and to further strengthen the capacity building and institutional response to the issue.

(2) to step up efforts to prevent and combat trafficking in persons in the country, including by dealing with its root causes, investigating and prosecuting perpetrators, providing adequate support for victims and harmonizing legislation on this matter with international standards.

While we recognize the commendable effort in the last decade to expedite the internalization of core human rights treaties to the legal framework of the country, including the 2016 ratification of the CRPD, we suggest that Micronesia step up its endeavors to sign and ratify the remaining ones. The creation of internal mechanisms to report to treaty bodies and to follow-up on their recommendations constitute important additional steps.

We take note with appreciation of the measures adopted to reduce poverty and to tackle violence and discrimination against women. In this context, Brazil reiterates its previous recommendation that the country consider withdrawing or narrowing the scope of its reservations from the CEDAW, together with the enhancement of the participation of women in decision-making positions.

Finally, Brazil wishes Micronesia a successful review.

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