**36th session of the Universal Periodic Review**

**Review of the Republic of the Marshall Islands**

**Statement of Ireland**

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Thank you, Madame President

Ireland warmly welcomes the delegation of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and thanks it for its presentation today.

Ireland acknowledges Marshall Island’s efforts to advance human rights domestically and commends progress made since the last UPR cycle, particularly its accession to a significant number of Core Human Rights Instruments.

Ireland commends the Marshall Islands for its efforts in its first term on the Human Rights Council to bring attention to human right issues in relation to climate change. Ireland was proud to work alongside the Marshall Islands last year on the Kwon Gesh pledge calling on governments to include young people in climate policy formulation. We encourage the Marshall Islands to continue and intensify existing efforts to advocate for climate action and climate justice, with recognition also of the disproportionate impact of climate change on women and girls.

Ireland makes the following recommendations to the Marshall Islands’ authorities:

1. Take action at all levels to address sexual and gender-based violence, including ensuring adequate resourcing and training for relevant authorities and the incorporation of all provisions of the Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women into national law.
2. Establish an independent national human rights institution in full compliance with the Paris Principles, building on the findings of the scoping study conducted by the government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands in 2017.

We wish the Marshall Islands every success with this UPR cycle.

Thank you.