**Universal Periodic Review**

**3rd cycle**

**Review of Marshall Islands**

**Statement from Brazil**

Brazil welcomes the delegation of Republic of the Marshall Islands to its UPR and wishes to make the following two recommendations:

(a) to prevent violence and discrimination against women and to enhance the participation of women in public life, including in electoral processes;

(b) to consider signing and ratifying the Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, of 1980.

2. We commend the ratification of eleven of the core human rights treaties, which responded positively to the recommendations made by Brazil in the last cycle and we encourage further efforts to complete the ratification of the remaining core instruments and their incorporation into the domestic law.

3. while we commend the adoption of the prohibition of trafficking in persons act 2017 and the establishment of the National Task Force on human rights trafficking, we call for further efforts to adequately enforce this legislation and establish support and rehabilitation services to victims.

4. Finally, we welcome the passing of legislation that increased the minimum age for marriage and encourage the Marshall Islands to step up its efforts to end the occurrence of the so-called "costumary child marriage".