**Statement by Myanmar Delegation**

**at the 36th Session of the UPR Working Group of Marshall Islands**

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(1 Minute 35 Seconds)

Madame President,

Myanmar welcomes the delegation of the Republic of the Marshall Islands to the UPR.

We welcome her ratification of various human rights instruments since the previous cycle of UPR. Noting that Marshall Islands is prone to the impact of climate change, we commend its commitment and cooperation with international community to address climate related issues.

At the same time, we share the concern on the impact of nuclear testing programme that has affected women’s health as well as unreported cases of domestic violence, which remain culturally accepted.

In this regard, in a constructive spirit, Myanmar would like to make the following recommendations: -

1. Enhance measures to ensure access to healthcare by women, especially those from outer islands, by increasing sufficient fund;
2. Step-up measures to narrow gender pay gap by encouraging equal pay for equal work;

3. Organize awareness raising programmes to eliminate gender discriminatory stereotypes; and

4 Continue its efforts to address trafficking and exploitation of women and children, set-up sufficient support shelters for victims, and ensure that perpetrators are brought to justice.

We wish the Marshall Islands a successful UPR.

I thank you, Madame President.