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**Intervention by Denmark**

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Mdm. President,

Denmark welcomes the delegation of the Marshall Islands and thanks it for its presentation.

We commend the Marshall Islands for acceding to a number of important human rights instruments since its last UPR. However, Denmark remains concerned about the high prevalence of violence in domestic settings, including gender-based violence and violence against children.

*Denmark recommends the Government to explicitly prohibit corporal punishment in all settings, including by amending the Child Rights Protection Act and the Domestic Violence Prevention and Protections Act.*

We appreciate steps taken to implement previous recommendations on national human rights institutions. However;

*Denmark recommends the Government to speed up the process of strengthening the national Human Rights Committee and bringing it in line with the Paris Principles.*

*Finally, Denmark recommends the Government to ratify OPCAT.*

Denmark wishes the Marshall Islands a successful review.

I thank you.