**U.S. Statement at the Universal Periodic Review of the**

**Republic of the Marshall Islands**

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The United States welcomes the delegation from the Republic of the Marshall Islands.  We recommend that the Republic:

1. Improve the conditions of its detention facilities, including sanitation and ventilation, and hold juvenile and female adult prisoners separately from adult male prisoners, consistent with international standards;

1. Increase efforts to eliminate human trafficking in the RMI, including vigorously investigating, prosecuting, and sentencing human traffickers, correctly identifying human trafficking victims as such, and enhancing the assistance provided to victims;

1. Take concrete steps to combat sexual and gender-based violence, including promoting the reporting to authorities of instances of domestic violence.

The United States congratulates the Republic of the Marshall Islands on its election to the Human Rights Council and welcomes its global leadership on human rights.  We are committed to partnering with the Republic to advance these and other human rights priorities.