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**Mme. President,**

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and thanks for the presentation of the national report.

Marshall Islands’ efforts to improve its legal and structural framework for the advancement of human rights in the country are indeed encouraging. We welcome ratification of the core human rights treaties and conventions as well as cooperation with the Special Procedures and treaty bodies.

To maintain the effort, we would like to **recommend** to the Government of the Marshall Islands:

* to ratify the Second Optional Protocols to ICCPR with a view of formalizing abolition of the death penalty;
* to ratify the human rights instruments to which it is not yet a party, including the Optional Protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child;
* to establish an independent national human rights institution in line with the Paris Principles;
* to amend the national legislation incorporating international human rights obligations under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

Ukraine wishes Marshall Islands the best in its future undertakings for further progress in the field of human rights.

**I thank you.**