



## **Statement on behalf of the State of Israel**

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### **UN Human Rights Council UPR WORKING GROUP 22<sup>nd</sup> SESSION Marshall Islands**

Thank you, Mr. President.

We warmly welcome the delegation of the Marshall Islands and thank them for their report presented before us today.

Israel recognizes the significant efforts taken by the Marshall Islands government in order to address the constant threat of climate change and its effects. These efforts demand increased attention and growing budget allocations by the government.

Israel congratulates the Marshall Islands for the progress it has achieved in the field of human rights, especially under these circumstances.

Among many measures adopted by the Marshall Islands in recent years, Israel would like to highlight:

- The accession to the CRPD
- The Development of new policies, such as:
  - o The Gender Policy.
  - o The National Policy on Disability Inclusive Development
  - o The National Youth Policy
  - o The Prevention of Adolescent Pregnancy Strategy
- The creation of a Disability Coordination Office.
- The enactment of the Domestic Violence Prevention and Protection Act.
- And the measures taken to ensure free and public education.

Israel would like to recommend the Marshall Islands the following:

- (1) To join more Human Rights treaties and their Optional Protocols, especially the ICCPR and ICESCR.
- (2) To further develop policies to combat domestic and gender based violence.
- (3) To continue with the current law reform effort to include measures protecting against discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity or disability.
- (4) To take measures to facilitate a greater participation and representation of women in public offices.
- (5) To implement specific measures to promote inclusive education of children with disabilities.

Thank you.