



Statement on behalf of the State of Israel

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Palau

Thank you, Mr. President.

We warmly welcome the delegation of Palau and thank them for their report presented before us today. Israel recognizes this report as the result of extensive consultations, including with the recently established Reporting Committee on UN Conventions on Human Rights and the National Human Rights Working Group.

Israel congratulates Palau for the progress it has achieved in the field of human rights since its last UPR and the significant efforts taken by the government of Palau in order to implement many of the recommendations accepted during its first cycle.

Furthermore, among many measures adopted by Palau in recent years, Israel would like to highlight:

- The establishment of the Office of the Ombudsman.
- The ratification of the CRPD.
- The enactment of the Family Protection Act (FPA).
- The reform of the Penal Code, in order to include labor trafficking and child exploitation offenses.
- The Development of new policies, such as the National Youth Policy, and the National Disability Inclusive Policy 2015-2020.
- The amendment of the Penal Code that has decriminalized sexual relations between consenting adults of the same sex.

Israel would like to recommend Palau the following:

1. To continue its efforts to accede to or ratify more Human Rights treaties and their Optional Protocols.

2. To consider establishing explicit legislation or policies that prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity.
3. To take measures to facilitate a greater participation and representation of women in public offices.

Thank you.