

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

## UN Human Rights Council UPR WORKING GROUP 24th SESSION

## Solomon Islands

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Israel would like to commend Solomon Islands for the following measures adopted by the government in recent years:

- The creation of a Solomon Islands UPR National Working Committee.
- The adoption of laws, such as the Immigration Act in 2012 and the Immigration Regulations in 2013, the Solomon Islands National University Act (SINU Act) 2012, the Police Act 2013 and the Family Protection Act (FPA) 2014 that criminalizes Domestic Violence (DV).
- The approval of different National plans or policies including the National Development Strategy (NDS) 2011–2020, and the Solomon Islands National Strategy for the Economic Empowerment of Women and Girls was endorsed by Cabinet in August 2015
- The establishment of a National Risk Resilient Development Working Group

Additionally, Israel would like to recommend Solomon Islands the following:

- 1. To ratify more human rights instruments, specially the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
- 2. To continue its efforts to facilitate a greater participation and representation of women in public offices and in higher levels of decision-making positions.

- 3. To adopt measures to ensure full enjoyment of rights and equality to LGBTI people, both in terms of legislation as well as on policies and practices.
- 4. To implement measures to ensure the full enjoyment of rights by persons with disabilities, especially regarding inclusive education and development.

Thank you.