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Madam,

I have the honour to refer to the fourth cycle review of Monaco by the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) Working Group at its 45<sup>th</sup> session in January-February 2024. As the final outcome report on the review of Monaco was recently adopted by the Human Rights Council at its 56<sup>th</sup> session, I have taken note of the efforts of your Government to implement specific recommendations since the previous review.

A matrix of thematically clustered recommendations, starting with those supported by your Government, is available at OHCHR's website (<https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/upr/mc-index>) and should be considered as part of this letter. The matrix indicates the recommending State and links each recommendation to relevant Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In annex, I have also attached my Office's observations in light of the outcome of the fourth cycle of the UPR. In line with previous practice, I will be sending similar observations to all Member States once their fourth cycle UPR outcome is adopted by the Human Rights Council, with a view to follow-up action in close cooperation with national entities and other stakeholders.

I take this opportunity to draw your attention to the support available through the Voluntary Fund for UPR Implementation, which may be activated at the request and with the consent of a concerned State, along with tools such as the "UPR practical guidance" and the "UN good practices" repository on how the UPR process supports sustainable development, available at <https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/upr/upr-main>, with a view to facilitating efforts to implement UPR recommendations in line with the SDGs.

Please accept, Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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## **Observations in light of the outcome of the fourth cycle of the Universal Periodic Review**

Positive note is taken of the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Additionally, measures to combat discrimination and violence against women, which were highlighted by several delegations during the review, including the creation of the Committee for the Promotion and Protection of Women's Rights and the adoption of legislation repealing or amending provisions that discriminated against women, are welcomed.

Noting information regarding the review of Sovereign Ordinance No. 4.524 of 30 October 2013, which established the Office of the High Commissioner for the Protection of Rights and Freedoms and for Mediation, Monaco is encouraged to strengthen the role of the Office, including its investigative powers, and to ensure its compliance with the principles relating to the status of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (the Paris Principles) and seek accreditation by the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions.

A number of recommendations regarding the protection of labour rights were supported. While noting information provided regarding the work carried out by Labour Inspectorate, including inspections, Monaco is encouraged to improve labour conditions for migrant workers, including migrant domestic workers, ensuring that they enjoy the same labour conditions as other workers and protection from all forms of exploitation and abuse.

Monaco is also encouraged to develop an implementation plan in follow up to the UPR outcome, in close consultation and cooperation with all stakeholders, in particular the parliament, the judiciary, the Office of the High Commissioner for the Protection of Rights and Freedoms and for Mediation, local and regional governments, and civil society organizations. The matrix may be of use in the development of such an implementation plan. The Government is encouraged to explicitly link each UPR recommendation to corresponding recommendations from other international and regional human rights mechanisms and to the relevant SDG and its targets. This will, in turn, facilitate the creation of synergies between UPR implementation and SDG-related actions and reporting within the context of the Voluntary National Review (VNR).

The Government is further encouraged to establish a national mechanism for implementation, reporting and follow-up, with the aim of ensuring a coordinated and effective approach to reporting to international human rights mechanisms, and to implementing the recommendations, in line with the guidance provided by OHCHR following regional consultations and the High Commissioner's report to the Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/50/64](#)).

Further, an important measure that could positively contribute to follow-up action is voluntary mid-term UPR reporting. All Member States are encouraged to submit a



voluntary mid-term UPR report in about two years after the adoption of the UPR outcome. In this regard, the Government of Monaco may wish to consider resuming the practice of submitting a mid-term report on follow-up to the fourth cycle UPR recommendations by 2026, detailing both implementation efforts as well as challenges to implementation, including the possible need for technical or capacity-building assistance.

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