## **ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO MARSHALL ISLANDS**

## UNITED KINGDOM

- Please could you inform us as to whether an independent national human rights institution exists in your country and operates in accordance with the Paris principles designed to guide the practice of such institutions?
- We would be interested to know if civil society was involved in the preparation of the national report and how the Government will manage the follow-up to the Universal Periodic Review, and, who will be responsible for oversight of implementation, monitoring and reporting?
- We would be grateful to know how you propose to address the negative standing of women in many areas of society and life in the Marshall Islands, and ensure that Constitutional guarantees on equality of women are realised on a day-to-day basis?
- We would be grateful if you could tell us what measures are being put in place to measure the extent of sexual violence and abuse, especially of minors; and what legislative steps are you planning in order to prevent and punish the sexual and violent abuse of children?
- Please could you tell us if the government plans to conduct public awareness campaigns on the rights of women and children and what steps are you proposing to take to ensure each child is vaccinated and receives the appropriate health care?
- What steps is the government taking to increase the recognition of the rights of disabled persons amongst its population? When do you plan to implement legislation that ensures facilities and services are available for the disabled?
- We would be grateful to understand why the government has not implemented previous recommendations by CRC on full implementation on the administration of juvenile justice standards such as the establishment of a juvenile court and proper places of detention for those under 18 in line with international standards?
- Please could you provide information on the steps the Government is taking to meet its obligations under the Optional Protocol to the UN Convention Against Torture?

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