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Human rights and the legacy of nuclear testing

Human Rights Council resolutions *51/35 of 2022, and 57/26 of 2024*

“Technical assistance and capacity-building to address the human rights implications of the nuclear legacy in the Marshall Islands”

Right to a clean and healthy environment – recommendations:

- 1) Request of the support of the international community to **resource and enable independent research** to assess the continuing levels of radiation contamination, and to **develop national capacity** to detect and respond to toxic, radioactive and climate related threats to the environment.
- 2) Continue to call upon the US to **fully declassify the heavily redacted documents** concerning the extent of radioactive and other contamination throughout the country.
- 3) **Sign and ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons**, without further delay

Right to Health – recommendations

- 1) Take all possible measures **to reach out for international cooperation and assistance** to ensure that **access to quality and affordable health care** – particularly to cancer care – is made available within RMI and to areas outside the capital Majuro.
- 2) Take “Concrete and quantifiable measures necessary to **promote more nutritious, diversified and healthy diets**, as well as active lifestyles, in particular by improving food education” (previous recommendation from Haiti remains valid)
- 3) Address the **high cost of imported food**, **educate parents** to understand the importance of a nutritious diet for their children, and **pay them salaries** which can cover the costs of nutritious food.

Right to Education and Information – recommendations

- 1) Measures should be taken to **include the nuclear history throughout the national education curriculum**, and teachers must be supported to share this history.
- 2) Continue with efforts to **share the story of the legacy of nuclear testing with the international community**, to address the global knowledge gap and lack of awareness about the nuclear history of the Marshall Islands.