



UN Watch Statement
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Thank you, Mr. President.

UN Watch wishes to thank Micronesia for its report. We welcome and encourage its commitment to work on 70 out of 73 of the report's recommendations, which concern the promotion and protection of human rights within Micronesia.

These include the following important recommendations:

- Number 21: To ensure full human rights and legal protection throughout Micronesia.
- Number 23: To eliminate all laws and practices that discriminate against women and girls.
- Number 36: To adopt laws banning child labor, and define the minimum age for criminal responsibility in conformity with international human rights standards.
- Number 52: To include sexual orientation and gender identity as prohibited grounds for discrimination.
- Number 57: To establish effective measures to prevent mistreatment in detention centers and prisons.
- And number 59: To provide adequate protection against sexual and gender violence, while ensuring that assistance is available to victims for their physical and mental rehabilitation.

Mr. President, we also wish to address the promotion and protection of human rights within the international arena. Resolution 60/251, the charter that created this Council, recognizes the importance of ensuring universality, objectivity and non-selectivity in the consideration of human rights issues, and the elimination of double standards and politicization.

In that regard, it is noteworthy that only a handful of member states have shown the courage, conviction and resolve to uphold these principles in their votes at the United Nations. Micronesia is one of these proud few—and we commend them for it. Thank you, Mr. President.