

Statement by the Federated States of Micronesia
On the Occasion of the
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Mr. President
Members of the Human Rights Council
Distinguished Delegates
Members of Civil Society

I am happy to be here again to complete the second process of our Universal Periodic Review(UPR). Last November, we presented our report to the 23rd Session of the Working Group of the UPR. We took back the recommendations offered in that session and shared them with our Task Force on the UPR. Many of the recommendations from our November presentation are the same as the ones offered from our first UPR report. This is an indication of the challenges we face and will continue to face in implementation. Having said this, I want to assure you that our Task Force has undertaken a number of consultative activities to raise awareness about our commitments as reflected in the addendum report, what and how it needs to be done, and to chart a way forward. Many of the recommendations made by States have been accepted by my Government. The remaining ones form part of a work plan that will involve a lot of public awareness activities, reassessment of our human, institutional capacities to be able to harmonize our policies and mainstream a people centered approach. Such approach will take into consideration our internal process on Treaty ratification/accession and implementation and Constitutional reform. We continue to believe that we have to take ownership of the process to ensure that we live up to our commitments, and to ensure that the process is sustainable.

I thank you for your kind attention.