



Republic of the Marshall Islands
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Consideration of draft resolution “Effects of nuclear war on public health”

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Thank you Madam Chair,

This resolution “Effects of nuclear war on public health” speaks to the lived experiences of the Marshallese people. It speaks to the Pacific experience with nuclear weapons tested on our islands and atolls without our consent. It speaks to the experiences of other countries in other regions of the world with similar nuclear legacies.

The one commonality in all these experiences is how nuclear weapons have devastating effects on health. For the theme “One World for Health” to be meaningful, we must agree that health effects of nuclear weapons must continue to be studied, and nuclear war must be avoided.

We call on all delegations to support the draft resolution and remember a core value that unites participants of the World Health Assembly: humanity. For the sake of humanity, let us unite in the interest of global health and peace.

Lastly, since a vote has been called, the Marshall Islands request that it be recorded.

Kommol tata and I thank you.