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## Universal periodic review of the Federated States of Micronesia

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Ladies and gentlemen,  
Excellencies,  
Dear human beings,  
Dear UPR-Info team, thank you!

Thank you all for being here and for working at the betterment of the human condition.

1° The Center for Global Nonkilling is a congregation of scholars. We work to establish societies that do not kill. We use UPR cycles to measure progresses made for life and for the right to life.

2° In our submission, we focused only on the legal international infrastructure available for the protection of life: the genocide convention, the ratifications of CCPR and its Second protocol on death penalty and, the Enforced Disappearances convention.

3° For this Pre-session, we note that the suicide rate was very high in Micronesia in recent decades, yet it has now lowered to just above the world's average<sup>1</sup>. Suicide prevention is a State duty under the right to life<sup>2</sup>. We congratulate the Authorities and the People of Micronesia for this achievement and we encourage them to persist at saving lives from self-inflicted injuries.

The homicide rate in the country is below world average<sup>3</sup> and similarly, the traffic casualty rate is very low<sup>4</sup>.

4° Human rights are empowering.

When well satisfied, they make people happy and pacific and they give them good reasons to value the good and the worth of life, but is also gives them also the will to respect and cooperate with their Government.

The ratification of CCPR may seem to be a burden on an administration, but it is also guidance. And it is a reward to know that the people of a country are protected and have ways to live and express their rights.

One of the possible ways to facilitate the upgrading of human rights standards and ratifications, in respect when possible with custom, will be to establish a regional human rights institution, a Human Rights Charter for the Pacific region.  
We recommend it.

We appreciate the progresses made by Micronesia for the ratification human right treaties. We would like to see the Genocide convention and the Covenant on Civil and Political rights ratified as soon as possible.

Thank you for your attention, and more than not for your work the good of life.

Have a good day ... and a good life!

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<sup>1</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_countries\\_by\\_suicide\\_rate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_by_suicide_rate)

We consider the wikipedia data to be, with caution, sufficiently reliable; yet we give honor and thanks to the International Organizations and the local authorities for providing the original data and for compiling it.

However, WHO is more recent: <https://www.who.int/teams/mental-health-and-substance-use/suicide-data>

<sup>2</sup> UPR's i.e. Switzerland, Human Rights Committee general comment 36, SDG 3.4.2 (health and mental health, suicide indicator)

<sup>3</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_countries\\_by\\_intentional\\_homicide\\_rate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_by_intentional_homicide_rate)

<sup>4</sup> <https://iris.paho.org/handle/10665.2/51088>