



Thirteenth Session of the Working Group of the Universal Periodic Review
Statement by H.E. Ms. Iruthisham Adam, Permanent Representative of the Maldives to
the United Nations

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Thank you Madame President,

The Maldives would like to warmly welcome the distinguished delegation of India, a close and valued partner and a neighbor, to this 13th session of the UPR working group. We would like to congratulate India on its National Report, outcome of an extensive and lengthy consultation process.

Madam President,

Among many achievements since the last review, Maldives recognizes India's efforts regarding gender equality, and particularly notes the launch of the National Mission for Empowerment of Women.

In addition Madam President, the Maldives would like to make the following recommendations to the Government of India:

1. Prioritise the review and implementation of the Prevention Against Torture Bill, ensuring that it complies with UNCAT.
2. To ratify UNCAT as soon as possible.

I thank you Madam President.