



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 Madam President,

The Maldives would like to warmly welcome the delegation of Morocco to this 13th session of the UPR working group. We would also like to congratulate Morocco for presenting its national report based on an extensive consultation process also characterized by a regional approach.

In 2011, Morocco took a great step forward with the adoption of a new constitution which is dedicated to democratic principles, affirms the primacy of the international law and promotes gender equality. The Maldives commends Morocco for its commitments towards people of vulnerable groups, such as women, children and persons with disabilities.

Having said that, the Maldives would like to make the following recommendations:

1. To ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;
2. To sign and ratify the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;

I thank you, Madam President.