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**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**

**Review of Tunisia, 22 May 2012**

Thank you Madam President,

The Maldives would like to warmly welcome the delegation of Tunisia to this 13<sup>th</sup> session of the UPR working group. We would also like to congratulate Tunisia for presenting its national report and on the extensive consultation process that lay behind it.

The Maldives wishes to note that since its last review, human rights situation in Tunisia has significantly improved. We are also pleased to note that new Administration of Tunisia has achieved remarkable progress on a diverse array of areas such as freedom of assembly and association, women's rights, in addition to several conventions that Tunisia has signed and ratified during the past months. We believe that this immense progress should be further enhanced and strengthened in coming years.

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

1. To establish a National Preventive Mechanism in compliance with the OPCAT
2. To sign the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on Communications Procedure,

I thank you Madam President.