



Permanent Mission of the Republic of Maldives
to the United Nations Office at Geneva

**Statement to be delivered by
H.E. Ms. Iruthisham Adam, Ambassador/Permanent Representative
of the Republic of Maldives to the 14th Session of the Working Group on
Universal Periodic Review, on the Review of Pakistan
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Thank you Madam President,

The Maldives would like to welcome the distinguished delegation of Pakistan.

Madam President,

The Maldives welcomes the passing of the 18th Amendment to the Constitution by the Pakistani parliament, which will strengthen the democratic process and the protection of human rights guaranteed under the Constitution. The Maldives also takes note of the reforms brought to the judicial appointment process as this would contribute to guaranteeing an independent judiciary which is essential to maintain rule of law.

It is clear from the reports that Pakistan has achieved a number of positive developments since its first UPR in 2008. Nevertheless, as with all countries, there is always room for improvement and with this in mind, the Maldives would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Remove those reservations made to ICCPR especially on those relating to women so as to ensure equality between men and women.
2. Adopt the Bill on Domestic Violence at the earliest possible.
3. Ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

I thank you Madam President.