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

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Mr. Muruthala Moosa, Third Secretary, Permanent Mission of Maldives to the
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of United Arab Emirates
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Thank you Mr. President,

The Maldives would like to welcome the distinguished delegation of United Arab Emirates, headed by His Excellency Dr. Anwar Mohamed Gargash, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs. The Maldives commend UAE for its comprehensive national report and annex thereto, outlining the key achievements since the last review.

Mr. President,

We congratulate UAE for the progress made since the last review, including crucial areas such as women's rights, labour rights and strengthening of Government institutions dealing with human rights.

The Maldives would like to ask the following questions from the distinguished delegation: Since the adoption of the state report after the first cycle, what are the initiatives undertaken by the UAE to develop infrastructure in remote areas that would ensure the provisions of economic and social rights?

Mr. President,

The Maldives also would like to make the following recommendations:

1. To pursue initiatives aimed at reinforcing the provision of economic, social and cultural rights with a view to promote sustainable development and transition to green economy.

2. To conclude the work initiated towards establishing a National Human Rights Institution

I thank you.

Mr. President

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