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Thank you Mr. President,

The Maldives would like to extend a warm welcome to the distinguished delegation of Monaco to the Working Group on the UPR, and thank them for their extensive preparations undertaken, and for their constructive cooperation with the Council and its mechanisms.

The Maldives would like to make the following recommendations;

First, to include in its national criminal legislation, a definition of torture, in compliance with the provisions of the Convention Against Torture.

Second, to consider the establishment of an independent national human rights institution, within, and in accordance with the appropriate domestic procedural and legal framework.

Mr. President

The Maldives welcomes Monaco's efforts to strengthen the promotion and protection of human rights, particularly through the adoption of legislation related to criminal procedure, nationality law, specific forms of violence, crimes and offences against children.

We highly commend Monaco's implementation of recommendations made during the first universal periodic review into their own domestic law, and fully appreciate their efforts to ratify all international treaties recommended to them in their last review.

The Maldives highly applauds Monaco's human rights record, and are encouraged by their programme of human rights education both in schools and the work place. We note the excellent work by the Human Rights Unit and the Mediator and appreciate the bill under consideration to strengthen the Mediators mandate.

Finally, we wish the delegation of Monaco all the success in its review and wish them well in the implementation of the agreed recommendations.

Thank You Mr. President.