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Thank you Mr. President,

The Maldives extends a warm welcome to the Honourable delegation of Qatar, a fellow member of the OIC, to the second cycle of the UPR.

My delegation would like to commend the government of Qatar for the substantive progress made since its last review. The Maldives would like to congratulate the Government of Qatar for enacting a Human Trafficking Act in 2011, to combat trafficking of persons and to afford protection to victims of trafficking.

The Maldives also welcomes the changes brought to the penal code by Qatar, particularly the inclusion of the definition of torture which is consistent with the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT). This, the Maldives believes is a crucial step towards eliminating all forms of torture.

Further, the Maldives applauds the work of Qatar towards climate change mitigation, and welcomes the establishment of the Climate Change and Clean Development Committee.

Mr. President,

The Maldives would like to make the following two recommendations to Qatar;

1. To ratify the ICCPR, ICESCR and Optional Protocol of the CAT
2. To further strengthen the promotion of rights of women and girls

We also wish to express our appreciation, and commend Qatar for the active and valuable role they played in the HRC on a number of issues. Qatar is a valued partner of the Maldives and we look forward to continuing our close collaboration with them in the HRC.

We wish every success to the delegation of Qatar in this review.

I thank you Mr. President.