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Statement by Pakistan for the UPR of Maldives

(22nd Session of the Working Group on UPR)

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Mr. President,

My delegation would like to thank the delegation of Maldives led by Foreign Minister, Ms. Dunya Maumoon for the presentation of their 2nd national report on UPR.

We appreciate the steps taken by Maldives for the promotion and protection of human rights in the last 4 years. It is encouraging to note that it has made concerted efforts to implement majority of the recommendations received during the 1st cycle of the UPR.

We commend the ongoing efforts of the government for modernization of national legislation in order to promote and protect human rights in the country. We believe that Child Protection Bill, Social Insurance Health Act, Domestic Violence Prevention Act, Sexual Offences Act, Anti-Human Trafficking Act and Disability Act, among others, would further strengthen the domestic human rights legal framework.

In conclusion, my delegation would like to recommend the following:

1. Continue to take steps for economic and political empowerment of women;
and
2. Continue to implement National Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in Persons for 2015-2019.

I thank you.