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**Maldives**

Mr. President,

Portugal welcomes the Delegation of the Maldives and thanks it for the presentation of its national UPR report.

Portugal welcomes the signature by the Maldives of the Rome Statute on the International Criminal Court. Whilst welcoming the Maldives' efforts in promoting and protecting the human rights of migrants and sharing the Maldivian concerns regarding displacement due to environmental causes, Portugal recommends that the Maldives ratify the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol, 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons, and 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness.

Portugal further recommends that the Maldives:

- 1 - Institutionalize systematic training and capacity building to prevent, respond and monitor gender based violence through health, judiciary, police and social services;
- 2 - Take measures to eradicate traditional stereotypes of women, especially through educational programs and enact legislation on domestic violence and all forms of sexual abuse and, finally,
- 3 - Fully cooperate with UN Human Rights Treaty Bodies, including by submitting their initial report to CESCR.

Thank you Mr President.