

20th Session of the UPR Working Group

Review of Maldives

Statement by Rwanda delegation

Rwanda warmly welcomes the delegation of Maldives and thanks them for the presentation of their national report.

Rwanda commends Maldives for its continued efforts to enhance the social, cultural and economic rights and the right to development of its people. We particularly commend Maldives for the progress it has registered in Promoting and protecting health and wellbeing of its people by achieving MDGs 4,5 and 6 as well as providing free education for all children.

We further commend Maldives' continued efforts to promote and protect human rights through providing affordable and safe housing for its people despite being a Small Island and Developing State.

**Rwanda would like to make the following recommendations:**

- ***Consider ratifying the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the Abolition of the Death Penalty,***
- ***Consider ratifying International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families;***
- ***Increase women's participation in decision-making positions***

We wish Maldives every success in the implementation of the recommendations accepted of this UPR.

Thank you.