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Mr. President,

We warmly welcome the distinguished delegation of the Maldives and thank them for their substantive presentation today.

We are pleased to note that following its first review in 2010, the Maldives made notable improvements in the field of human rights and has fully or partially implemented most recommendations.

Turkey commends the efforts of the Maldives made in the field of economic, social and cultural rights. We especially welcome achievements which have been made improving the right to education as well as in providing adequate housing and healthcare to the Maldivian people. Turkey also welcomes steps that have been taken to stop human trafficking.

In terms of some shortcomings mentioned in the national report regarding the rights of women, Turkey encourages the Government to strengthen its efforts for the promotion and protection of women's rights in various fields.

Turkey would like to make **following recommendations**:

1. To adopt the Gender Equality Bill as soon as possible.
2. To strengthen efforts to eliminate out-of-court as well as child marriages.
3. To improve rights and conditions of migrant workers and to consider signing ICRMW.

In conclusion, we highly appreciate the active role of the Maldivian delegation at the HRC and wish the Maldives the very best success during its 2nd UPR Cycle.

I thank you, Mr. President.