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**Statement by the Delegation of Uzbekistan**

Mr. President,

We warmly welcome the distinguished delegation of the Republic of Maldives and thank for the presentation of the national report under the second cycle of the UPR.

We commend steps taken by the government of Maldives to protect and promote human rights, progress made in implementing recommendations of the first review of the country held in 2010.

We welcome the gradual improvement of the legislative and institutional framework, the country's accession to a number of key international instruments on human rights, active cooperation with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, treaty bodies and special procedures of the Council.

Uzbekistan makes the following recommendations:

1. Continue measures aimed at strengthening the capacity of national human rights protection mechanisms;

2. Increase efforts to develop the education system in the field of human rights and further promote the human rights culture in society.

In conclusion, we wish the Government of the Republic of Maldives successful completion of the second cycle of the UPR.

Thank you for your attention.