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Review of Maldives

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Mr. President,

Croatia welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Maldives and thanks them for the presentation of their report.

We welcome the emphasis that the Government has put on mainstreaming human rights values into the society through the analysis of the impact that policy discussion papers have on human rights.

We would like to encourage the Government to continue working actively in order to ensure full and equal enjoyment of all human rights for all people in the country without distinction of any kind.

Mr. President,

We have two recommendations:

1. Continue strengthening the legislative framework for the promotion and protection of human rights of all people in the country in accordance with international obligations.
2. Promote the empowerment of women and girls and prevent the promotion of discrimination against women including through speech and sermons.

We wish Maldives a successful review session.