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**Mr. President,**

My delegation warmly welcomes the high-level delegation from the Maldives, and wishes the Maldives a successful review.

Egypt is encouraged by numerous developments regarding human rights in the Maldives since the last review. We commend in particular the steps undertaken by the Government in areas including health, social housing, education, women's rights, strengthening human rights legal framework and strengthening the criminal justice system. Egypt also welcomes the Government's efforts in combating terrorism including through international cooperation.

We acknowledge that the Maldives continues to proceed on the road of consolidating democracy based on the principle of national ownership and we support the Government in developing home-made solutions for any emerging challenges. Egypt is also conscious of the adverse impact of climate change on the efforts of this small island State to continue realizing development and promoting human rights.

In conclusion, we recommend the following for the kind consideration of the Government of the Maldives:

- 1- Enact the draft Child Protection Act and ensure its compatibility with respective obligations under CRC, and strengthen cooperation with relevant national stakeholders in the area of eliminating child abuse and victims' rehabilitation.
- 2- Continue to realize the right to work for its citizens including through providing opportunities for vocational training and technical education for young people.
- 3- Proceed in providing effective protection for the family as the natural and fundamental unit of the society.
- 4- Consider the possibility of ratifying the International Convention on the Rights of Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (ICRMW).

I thank you.

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