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Thank you, Mr. President,

The Maldives welcomes the delegation from Brazil to this review. We express our appreciation for today’s presentation, and the reports provided for this review.

The Maldives commends Brazil’s commitment on the measures undertaken by the Government to implement the recommendations of the previous UPR concerning its efforts to eradicate child labour and to provide them with education.

The Maldives recommends that the Government of Brazil:

1. Adopt comprehensive policies to combat sexual harassment, especially against children and adolescents, including those in street situations or living in placement institutions;
2. Strengthen coordination between the Brazilian Institute of the Environment and Renewable Natural Resources and the Brazilian National Indian Foundation.

The Maldives would also like to commend Brazil’s progress in the health sector and applauds its 2015 initiative to bring forward the “National Policy of Primary Attention” which successfully provided health coverage to more Brazilian families.

We wish Brazil success during this review. Thank you Mr. President.