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Thank you, Mr. President,

The Maldives warmly welcomes the delegation from India to this review, and we express our appreciation for today’s presentation and the national report.

The Maldives commends India on its continuous efforts on making education accessible to all children with the enactment of the Right to Education Act, providing free and compulsory education.

The Maldives recommends that the Government of India:

1. Continue efforts to improve social services that provide support to victims of trafficking, forced labour, and those who have been sexually exploited

We wish to commend India for having made improvements in literacy through educational programs, while continuting to strive to improve formal education as well.

The Maldives wishes the delegation of India every success during this review.

Thank you Mr. President.