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Thank you, Mr. President,

The Maldives welcomes the delegation from the UK to this review. We express our appreciation for today’s presentation and the national report.

The Maldives notes the UK’s commitment on the measures taken by the Government to implement the recommendations of the previous UPR.

The Maldives recommends that the Government of the the United Kingdom:

1. Place childrend’s rights at the center of climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies by mainstreaming child-sensistive risk and vulnerability reduction strategies into its National Adaptation Programme;
2. Adopt a rights based approach to its forthcoming Emissions Reduction Plan;
3. Adopt national legislation, especially in Northern Ireland, on Domestic Violence Protection that ensures all cases of domestic violence are thoroughly investigated and that perpetrators are prosecuted;
4. Take appropriate measures against the sharp increase in all hate-related violent crimes especially involving gangs and young people;
5. Improve the systems of identification of potential targets and vulnerable communities, enhance surveillance and implement protection measures; and
6. Adopt measures with a view to stop and take action against the rise of hate speeches made for political gains

To conclude, we wish UK every success during this review.

Thank you Mr. President.