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Thank you, Mr. President,

The Maldives warmly welcomes the high-level delegation from Burkina Faso to the fourth cycle of the Universal Periodic Review and thanks the delegation for their presentation today.

The Maldives congratulates the Government of Burkina Faso for the inclusive and participatory approach taken in the development of their national report. We commend Burkina Faso for adopting a number of legislative measures to strengthen the promotion of human rights, including the Act on the Code of Criminal Procedure.

In constructive spirit, the Maldives makes the following two recommendations:

1. Strengthen the role of legislature, the judiciary, and civil society organizations in implementing the accepted recommendations.

2. Adopt the revised Personal and Family Code to effectively combat early and forced marriages.

We wish the delegation of Burkina Faso every success during this review.

Thank you, Mr. President.