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Thank you, Mr. President,

The Maldives warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation from Turkmenistan to this fourth cycle review and thanks the delegation for their presentation today.

The Maldives commends the efforts by Turkmenistan to implement the recommendations from the preceding review. We welcome the commitment to promote gender equality by adopting the National Action Plan for Gender Equality, as well as other legislative measures and initiatives aimed at advancing gender equality throughout the country.

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

1. Continue to ensure universal pre-primary education and develop an effective education management information system.

2. Strengthen efforts towards developing specialised social and child protection services and allocating sufficient financial resources for these services.

We wish Turkmenistan a successful review.

Thank you, Mr. President.