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Thank you, Mr. President,

The Maldives welcomes the high-level delegation from Chad to this fourth cycle review and thanks them for their presentation today.

The Maldives commends Chad on the ratification of the two Optional Protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child. We also welcome the establishment of a new Independent National Election Commission and the National Human Rights Commission, aimed at restoring constitutional order, strengthening democracy, and upholding the rule of law.

In constructive spirit, the Maldives presents the following two recommendations to Chad:

1. Strengthen efforts to combat illiteracy by promoting accessible and affordable education initiatives.
2. Reinforce measures taken to fully implement the new Criminal code provisions addressing gender and sexual based violence against women and girls; and ensure that perpetrators are held accountable.

We wish Chad a successful review.

Thank you, Mr. President.