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Thank you, Mr. President,

The Maldives warmly welcomes the high-level delegation from the People’s Republic of China to this fourth cycle review and thanks the delegation for their presentation today.

The Maldives commends China for optimising the supply of marriage and family counselling services, ensuring early detection of possible or potential domestic violence, trafficking of women and other illegal and criminal acts in the field of marriage registration, and making every effort to protect women's legitimate rights and interests.

In constructive spirit, the Maldives makes the following recommendation:

1. Continuously promote the implementation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and its Paris Agreement, and actively carry out South-South cooperation on climate change.

We wish China a successful review.

Thank you, Mr. President.