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Thank you, Mr. President,

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

The Maldives commends Nigeria for the significant efforts made during the review period to enhance human rights. In this regard, we welcome policies and legal frameworks that are now in place to ensure greater access to justice for women and girls who are victims of violence, the enactment of a Prohibition of Discrimination Against Persons with Disabilities Act and the establishment of the National Commission for Persons with Disabilities.

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

1. Continue their efforts to increase women’s participation in both political and public spheres to further advance gender equality and equitable representation.

2. Intensify efforts to implement National Social Protection Policy by allocating sufficient financial resources to provide inclusive and reliable social protection for all.

We wish Nigeria a successful review.

Thank you, Mr. President.