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Thank you, Mr. President,

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

The Maldives commends the efforts made by Senegal to promote gender equality and women’s empowerment. In this regard, we welcome the implementation of the Parity Act, adoption of the National Strategy for the Empowerment of Women and Girls; and the National Action Plan to eradicate gender-based violence.

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

1. Promote climate education by integrating sustainable skills into the curriculum, and engaging communities for a collaborative approach to raise climate change awareness.
2. Reinforce efforts to ensure access to quality healthcare throughout the country and increase the budget allocations for the health sector.

We wish Senegal a successful review.

Thank you, Mr. President.