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Thank you, Mr. President,

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

We commend the Government of Comoros for its commitment to counter the effects of climate change and advance sustainability, through the enactment of The Interim Development Plan 2020-2030 and the Emerging Comoros Plan 2030, which aligns the national priorities with the UN Sustainable Development Framework 2022-2026.

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

1. Increase efforts to effectively implement the national strategy and roadmap to combat violence against women and minors to eradicate gender-based violence.
2. Take the necessary steps to make education compulsory until the minimum age for admission to employment to prevent child labour.

We wish the delegation from Comoros a successful review.

Thank you, Mr. President.