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Thank you, Mr. President,

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

Maldives welcomes the Dominican Republic for the establishment of the Inter-Institutional Commission on Human Rights, and the introduction of SIMORED-PLUS, a monitoring system and database that effectively systematize all human rights related recommendations received and links them to the Sustainable Development Goals, facilitating their follow-up and implementation.

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

1. Continue efforts to strengthen the complaint mechanisms and support for victims of gender-based violence through sensitization of law enforcement personnel and case attendants.

2. Increase budget allocations to the health sector for universal access to healthcare and establish mental health services in the public health system.

We wish the Dominican Republic a successful review. Thank you, Mr. President.