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Thank you, Mr. President,

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

The Maldives commends the efforts made by Eritrea to implement the recommendations from the preceding review. We welcome the government strategies for enhancing access to education including expanding existing schools, which had a significant positive impact on the enrollment of students of all ages.

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

1. Ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

2. Adopt poverty reduction programmes specifically for women that will allow them access to basic services in the areas of health, education, water and electricity.

We wish Eritrea a successful review.

Thank you, Mr. Vice President.