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Remarks by:

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Thank you, Mr. President,

The Maldives welcomes the delegation from New Zealand and appreciates their engagement in the fourth cycle of the UPR.

The Maldives commends New Zealand for its strides in climate change adaptation, notably the National Adaptation Plan and the establishment of the Climate Change Commission.

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

1. Take measures to reduce poverty among families of children with disabilities, including by strengthening the community-based support and care services provided to those children and their families.
2. To continue efforts to ensure the right to inclusive education, in particular for students with disabilities and students from Indigenous communities.

We wish New Zealand a successful review.

Thank you, Mr. President.