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Thank you, Mr. President,

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

The Maldives commends the Government of Slovakia for the establishment of the National Programme for Combating Human Trafficking 2024-2028 and the development of the National Action Plan for the Prevention and Elimination of Violence against Women 2022-2027.

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

1. Enhance efforts towards the implementation of effective and targeted measures to reduce poverty to promote social equity.

2. Facilitate efforts to increase enrolment in tertiary education as well as advocate for the enhancement of inclusive educational practices, particularly for minorities, girls, and children with disabilities.

We extend our best wishes for a successful review of Slovakia.

Thank you, Mr. President.