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Thank you, Mr. President,

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

The Maldives commends the efforts made by Uruguay to combat violence against women. In this regard we welcome the adoption of the Law on Gender-based Violence against Women, the establishment of the Observatory for Gender-based Violence against Women, and the development of a tool to track digital violence against women politicians, journalists, communicators, activists, and artists.

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

1. Allocate sufficient resources to enhance accessibility of healthcare for persons with disabilities.
2. Continue efforts to increase women’s participation in all levels of public service and implement targeted measures to achieve gender parity.

We wish the delegation from Uruguay a successful review.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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