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Thank you, Mr. President,

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

The Maldives commends the Government of Albania for its efforts to improve the services for people with disabilities by approving a National Plan for Persons with Disabilities 2021-2025 and the adoption of the Mental Health Action Plan 2023-2026 to strengthen the legal protection and rights of persons with mental health disorders.

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

1. Ensure effective implementation of climate change and disaster risk reduction normative frameworks, and adopting specific mitigation measures for children, rural women and vulnerable groups.
2. Investing in building the capacity of first responders to complaints of domestic violence and encourage reporting of domestic violence against women and girls by raising awareness among women and men about the criminal nature of gender-based violence against women.

We wish the Government of Albania a successful review.

Thank you, Mr. President