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Statement by:

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Thank you, Mr. President,

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

The Maldives commends Costa Rica on the ratification of the International Convention for the Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearance. We would also like to congratulate Costa Rica’s adoption of the 2019 Act on National Statistics System as part of your efforts toward the development of the Costa Rican National Goals Strategy 2023 – 2030 for the achievement of the 2030 SDG Agenda.

In a constructive spirit, the Maldives presents the following recommendations:

1. Enhance existing national strategies and programmes to combat poverty, especially among children and other vulnerable groups to ensure an adequate standard of living for all.
2. Strengthen preventive measures and victim support services for women facing gender-based violence in remote rural and border areas.

We wish Costa Rica a successful review.

Thank you, Mr. President.