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Thank you, Mr. President,

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

The Maldives commends Norway on the ratification of the International Convention for the Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearance and welcomes the new Education Act, giving children and young persons the right and obligation to free primary and upper secondary education respectively.

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

1. To review energy and climate related policies with a view to further reducing greenhouse gas emissions in line with the Paris Agreement.
2. Ratify the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

We wish Norway a successful review.

Thank you, Mr. President.