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Thank you, Mr. President,

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

The Maldives commends Slovenia for its ratification of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance. We would also like to congratulate Slovenia for its effort under the Organisation and Financing of Education Act, which effectively prevents all forms of discrimination across all school levels.

In constructive spirit, the Maldives presents the following two recommendations to Slovenia:

1. Ratify the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.
2. Adopt targeted measures for the economic empowerment of women and mainstream gender into its social inclusion strategies.

We wish Slovenia a successful review.

Thank you, Mr. President.