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Thank you, Mr. President,

The Maldives welcomes the delegation from Guatemala to this review and express our appreciation for today’s presentation.

The Maldives further welcomes the Government policy for the period 2016-2020, aligned with the K’atun “Our Guatemala 2032” National Development Plan. My delegation further recognises the inclusive health-care model introduced in 2016 to develop and strengthen the network of health services human resources and appreciates the measures taken under the umbrella of the National Strategy to Prevent Chronic Malnutrition 2016-2020.

The Maldives recommends that the Government of Guatemala stregnthen further the child protection system in the Country through the necessary reforms that adopts a human-rights based approach.

We wish delegation of Guatemala every success during its review.

Thank you, Mr. President