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Thank you, Mr. Vice President,

The Maldives welcomes the delegation from Ukraine to this review. We express our appreciation for today’s presentation, and take positive note of the national report.

The Maldives welcomes the recent amendments to the Constitution of Ukraine incorporating a comprehensive judicial reform process and we commend the efforts through the National Strategy for Human Rights (2015-2020) .

The Maldives recommends to Ukraine:

1. To consider allocating adequate funding to Anti-trafficking initiatives in order to ensure the successful implementation of the National Action Plan for the period 2016-2020.

2. Consider adopting a specific legislation on Child Rights ensuring the protection of all children without any discrimination.

Thank you, Mr. Vice President.