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Thank you, Madam President,

The Maldives extends a warm welcome to the high-level delegation from the Federated States of Micronesia to this third cycle of UPR and takes positive note of the presentation today.

The Maldives commends the Government of Micronesia for ratifying the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and for conducting workshops to develop its CRPD implementation plans. We positively take note of the adoption of the Climate Change Act and for being the first Pacific Island State to adopt such an act.

In constructive spirit, the Maldives presents the following two recommendations to the Government of Micronesia:

1. Strengthen the Human Rights Taskforce to provide a mandate to coordinate and prepare reports to international and regional human rights mechanisms and to track national follow-up to and implementation of treaty obligations and the recommendations of related mechanisms.
2. Implement a national development plan to provide a strategic and coordinated framework for informing climate change mitigation efforts and building the country’s climate resilience.

We wish Micronesia every success at this review.

Thank you, Madam. President.