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Thank you, Madam. President,

The Maldives warmly welcomes the high-level delegation from the Republic of Nauru to this third cycle review and thanks the delegation for their presentation today.

The Maldives commends our fellow Small Island Developing State, Nauru for the significant progress made after the last UPR cycle to promote and protect human rights. We take positive note of the legislative reforms brought to align laws and regulations with the international treaties and conventions that has been implemented by Nauru.

In constructive spirit, the Maldives makes the following two recommendations to Nauru;

1. Ensure that all concerned authorities are provided with human, technical and financial resources necessary to implement the Climate Change Strategic Plan for Adaptation and Mitigation that will enhance the resilience and adaptability of the country.

2. Continue to take necessary action to ratify the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and International Covenant on Social, Economic and Cultural Rights.

We wish Nauru a successful review. Thank you, Madam. President