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**Sultanate of Oman**

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Statement by:

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Thank you, Mr/Madam President,

The Maldives warmly welcomes the delegation from the Sultanate of Oman to this third cycle review and thanks them for their presentation today.

The Maldives welcomes Oman’s accession to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, and Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. We also commend the progress made by the Government in establishing a complaint mechanism accessible to women who were victims of discrimination or violence.

In constructive spirit, the Maldives makes the following recommendations to Oman.

1. Continue to strengthen local legislations within the frameworks of the international conventions which Oman has acceded to.

2. Continue to improve legal frameworks to empower women.

We wish Oman every success with this UPR cycle.

Thank you, Mr/Madam President