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Thank you, Madam. President,

The Maldives welcomes the delegation of the Kingdom of Denmark to this review, and express appreciation for its national report and engagement in this process.

The Maldives takes positive note of the developments the Kingdom of Denmark has made since its last review. We are especially encouraged by the Climate Law passed in 2020 and the target to reduce greenhouse gas emission by 70 pct by 2030 and for climate neutrality by 2050.

In constructive spirit, the Maldives makes the following two recommendations:

1. Ensure the allocation of necessary funds for disability related projects such as inclusive education, to protect the rights of children with disabilities.
2. Strengthen its efforts in combatting violence against women.

Finally, let me wish the delegation of the Kingdom of Denmark every success during this review and we wish them all the best in the implementation of the recommendations.

Thank you, Madam. President