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Thank you, Madam President,

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

Maldives commends the progress made by Estonia since the last UPR cycle, and welcomes the approval of the “Climate Change Adaptation Development Plan until 2030” and the implementation of Domestic Violence Action Plan.

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

1. Take all necessary measures to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

2. To protect children’s rights in Estonia, create awareness in a child-friendly manner about the individual complaint mechanism that is available for children to exercise their right of complaint.

We wish Estonia a successful review.

Thank you, Madam President.