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Statement by:

Thank you, Madam President,

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

The Maldives commends Paraguay on the established Recommendations Monitoring System, SIMORE and its updated version SIMORE Plus, bringing in a network of 167 focal points from 72 executive, legislative and judicial institutions, as well as autonomous agencies. We also congratulate Paraguay on the international recognition the system has gained. We note that Paraguay submitted a voluntary midterm report on the implementation of the recommendations from the UPR second cycle review.

In constructive spirit, the Maldives makes the following recommendations:

1. Strengthen measures towards the universalization of quality health care, especially for people in vulnerable situations.

2. Strengthen efforts to ensure access to quality education for all children, especially for children with disabilities.

We wish Paraguay every success at this review. Thank you, Madam President