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Thank you, Madam President,

The Maldives warmly welcomes the high-level delegation from Singapore to this third cycle review and thank them for their presentation.

The Maldives applauds the progress made by Singapore since the last UPR cycle and we applaud the government for adopting a human-centred approach that leaves no one behind to contain the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. In this regard, we would like to highlight the commendable work undertaken by the government to address the impact of the pandemic on migrant workers.

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

1. Ensure vulnerable groups are engaged in the development of policies and programmes related to climate change and disaster risk reduction.

2. Continue to promote sustainable economic and social development programmes to strengthen the implementation of SDGs.

We wish our fellow Small Island Developing State, Singapore a successful review.

Thank you, Madam President.