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Thank you, Madam President,

The Maldives warmly welcomes the delegation of the Federal Government of Somalia to this review and express our appreciation for the national report and the constructive engagement in this process. The Maldives welcomes the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, as well as note the efforts made to develop the health strategy 2018–2020, the mental health strategy 2019–2023 and the work done in the area of neonatal and childhood illnesses and midwifery.

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

1. Take measures to build a nationwide education system and ensure access to education for all children.

2. Strengthen its efforts in combatting sexual and gender-based violence against women and girls.

I wish the delegation of Somalia every success at this review.

Thank you, Madam President.