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Thank you, Madam President,

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

The Maldives recognises the consultative approach taken by the Government of Niger to prepare the National Report for this UPR Cycle and positively notes its efforts to improve the human rights situation in the country by aligning the national legal framework with international standards.

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

1. Take necessary measures to strengthen policies and programmes to address the human rights impact of climate change and integrate elements of disaster risk reduction into sustainable development policies and planning.

2. Continue to work with the international community to strengthen the capacity of government bodies, civil society organisations and national human rights institutions to address economic and social issues of the country.

We wish Niger a successful review. Thank you, Madam President.