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Thank you, Madam President,

The Maldives welcomes the high-level delegation from Hungary to this review and express our appreciation for today’s presentation and the national report submitted.

The Maldives commends Hungary for developing sectoral human rights action plans including the National Social Inclusion Strategy and the National Disability Programme. We are also encouraged by the periodic reports submitted by Hungary to the Human Rights Committee, CRPD, CEDAW and CRC during this review period. This reflects Hungary’s commitment to cooperate with the instruments and mechanism of the Human Rights Council.

In constructive spirit, the Maldives presents the following two recommendations to Hungary:

1. Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure

2. Take special measures to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women, by creating an enabling environment for women to participate in politics and public affairs.

We wish Hungary a successful review.

Thank you, Madam President