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**SURINAME**

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Thank you, Madam President,

The Maldives warmly welcomes the delegation of Suriname to this third cycle review and express our appreciation for the submission of Suriname’s national report and engagement in this process.

The Maldives positively notes the adoption of the 2020 Environmental Framework Act and hopes that this Act will form the basis for a National Environmental Strategic Plan that creates a balance between economic growth and environmental protection. We also acknowledge that the government has sent several human rights related bills to the Parliament and hopes that they are ratified as soon as possible.

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

1. Operationalize the National Human Rights Institute, by allocating sufficient human, technical and financial resources in the National budget

2. Formulate public policies and a national plan to combat child poverty

We wish Suriname a successful review.

Thank you, Madam President