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Thank you, Madam President,

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

The Maldives commends Thailand’s policies on the elderly including the Elderly Act of 2017 and the 2nd National Plan on the Elderly, which serves as a strong mechanism for promoting the rights and welfare of the elderly as the country prepares for an ageing population. We particularly note the number of educational institutions that provide educational opportunities for the elderly and the quality health care received by the elderly in line with Thailand’s Universal Health Coverage policy.

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

1. Ensure the effective participation of women in the formulation and implementation of policies and action plans on climate change and disaster response and risk reduction.

2. Simplify procedures for persons with disabilities to access the disability grant.

We wish Thailand a successful review.

Thank you, Madam President