**40th Session of the Working Group of the Universal Periodic Review**

**REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA**

**28 January 2022**

Statement by:

H.E. Dr Asim Ahmed   
Permanent Representative of the Republic of Maldives

*Check against delivery*

Thank you, Mr President,

The Maldives welcomes the high-level delegation from the Republic of Moldova to this third cycle review and expresses our appreciation for the constructive engagement in this process.

The Maldives congratulates the Republic of Moldova on the establishment of a National Human Rights Council (NHRC), the Permanent Secretariat for Human Rights, local structures of the NHRC and human rights coordinators at the central and local level. We hope this momentum is maintained and these institutions are successful mechanisms for the development and evaluation of human rights policies and the implementation of human rights treaties.

In constructive spirit, the Maldives presents the following two recommendations to the Republic of Moldova:

1. Ensure the Right to Education is guaranteed to all, without discrimination of any kind.
2. Organize public awareness-raising and education programmes on the rights of persons with disabilities.

We wish the Republic of Moldova a successful review.

Thank you, Mr President.