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Thank you, Mr. President,

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

The Maldives commends Uganda on the approval of The National Urban Policy in 2017, which promotes urban environmental conservation, and climate change mitigation and adaptation mechanisms. We also welcome the country’s establishment of new climate change guidelines intended to align future fiscal planning with climate change goals.

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

1. Ratify the Optional Protocol of the Convention against Torture.

2. Ensure that adequate resources are provided to the Uganda Human Rights Commission and Equal Opportunities Commission to enhance their functioning and effectiveness.

We wish Uganda a successful review.

Thank you, Mr President.