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Thank you, Mr. President,

The Maldives warmly welcomes the high-level delegation from the Republic of Ecuador to the fourth cycle review and thanks the delegation for their presentation today.

Maldives commends the progress made by Ecuador since the last UPR cycle, and welcomes the establishment of the Human Rights Information System in 2019 to follow up on the recommendations provided by the UN treaty bodies. We welcome the legal reforms undertaken by Ecuador to harmonize its national legal system with the new constitutional provisions and the international human rights obligations.

In constructive spirit, the Maldives makes the following two recommendations:

1. Develop regulatory frameworks and relevant policies to address maternal mortality and complications during pregnancies.

2. Promote universal access to social security by allocating necessary technical and financial resources for effective implementation of the Opportunity Creation Plan of Ecuador.

We wish the delegation of Ecuador a successful review.

Thank you, Mr. President.