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Thank you, Mr. President,

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

The Maldives commends Tunisia for the consultative approach taken in the preparation of its national report. We further commend the efforts made from 2017 to 2021 to implement the new Constitution, and would like to highlight the creation of Authority for Human Rights and the Authority for Sustainable Development as positive steps to promote human rights and development.

In constructive spirit, the Maldives makes the following recommendations:

1. Strengthen the legal and institutional system for environmental protection, in particular, with respect to biodiversity and climate change.

2. Improve the quality of education by providing vocational training opportunities for students, updating teaching materials and supporting the continuous learning of teachers.

We wish Tunisia a successful review.

Thank you, Mr. President.