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Thank you, Mr. President,

The Maldives warmly welcomes the high-level delegation from the Kingdom of Morocco to the fourth cycle of the Universal Periodic Review and thanks the delegation for their presentation today.

The Maldives commends the Kingdom of Morocco for the consultative approach taken in the preparation of its national report and acknowledges the measures undertaken by the Government of Morocco to promote and protect the rights of its people. We welcome the adoption of legislation on social protection to promote the right to health by expanding the health coverage of its citizens.

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

1. Adopt a plan at the national and regional levels to develop community support services in urban and rural areas for families of children with disabilities.
2. Continue to take targeted and comprehensive measures to prevent school dropouts, especially girls in rural areas, and to promote and facilitate the return of girls to schools.

We wish the Kingdom of Morocco every success at this review.

Thank you, Mr. President.