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Thank you, Madam Vice President,

The Maldives warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation from Philippines to this fourth cycle review and thanks the delegation for their presentation today.

The Maldives commends the efforts by Philippines to protect the environment and address climate change. We take positive note of the work being carried out to re-examine current mining practices and promoting sustainable development practices.

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

1. Further enhance measures to address the gender-based violence against women and violence against children with disabilities.

2. Continue efforts to establish a national preventative mechanism on torture.

We wish Philippines a successful review.

Thank you, Madam Vice President.