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Thank you, Mr. President,

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

The Maldives commends Brazil for establishing the National Guidelines on Businesses and Human Rights to combat discrimination in the workplace and for protecting human rights in businesses activities. We also take positive note of the efforts made towards expansion of programs to combat violence against women.

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

1. Increase efforts to expand the measures taken towards ensuring social protection for the most vulnerable segment of the society.
2. Continue efforts to strengthen the Brazilian universal healthcare system.

We wish Brazil every success at this review.

Thank you, Mr. President.