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**Republic of Ghana**

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Thank you, Mr. President,

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

The Maldives commends Ghana for the significant efforts made during the review period to enhance human rights. In this regard, we welcome policies and legal frameworks that are now in place to protect children including the Safe School Policy and the Child Online Protection Framework.

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

1. Intensify efforts to implement all national human rights action plans by allocating sufficient human and financial resources.

2. Continue to actively participate in capacity building programmes to implement the recommendations received from human rights mechanisms and to regularize treaty body reporting.

We wish Ghana a successful review.

Thank you, Mr. President.