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Thank you, Mr. President,

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

The Maldives congratulates the Government of the Republic of Korea for the consultative approach undertaken in the development of their national report. We welcome the establishment of the National Centre for the Rights of the Child in 2019 aimed to develop and implement general policies on children to effectively carry out child-related projects.

In constructive spirit, the Maldives presents the following recommendations:

1. Conduct appropriate training for teachers and non-teaching education personnel on inclusive education.

2. Reinforce the gender and women’s rights mandate of the National Human Rights Commission of the Republic of Korea.

We wish the Republic of Korea a successful review.

Thank you, Mr. President