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Thank you, Mr. Vice President,

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

The Maldives takes positive note of Switzerland’s work in the promotion and protection of human rights through implementation of recommendations since the third cycle of the review. In this regard, we welcome the adoption of a law on the establishment of a National Human Rights Institution by the Federal Assembly of Switzerland in October 2021.

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

1. Continue efforts to strengthen the right to inclusive education, by focusing on integrating marginalized and disadvantaged children.

2. Intensify efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in line with the country’s international commitments.

We wish Switzerland a successful review.

Thank you, Mr. Vice President.

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