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Thank you, Mr. President,

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

The Maldives commends France for the commitment to combating climate change by establishing the High Council on Climate to provide independent advice and recommendations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

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

1. Ensure improved access for children with disabilities to education by adopting measures that cater to inclusive and individual needs at regular schools.
2. Ensure counter-terrorism measures are rooted in the principles of human rights and non-discrimination.

We wish France a successful review.

Thank you, Mr. President.