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Thank you, Mr. President,

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

The Maldives commends the efforts made by Romania to improve the human rights situation in the country. In this regard, we welcome the passing of the National Strategy on Environmental Education and Climate Change 2023-2030, setting out clear actions to increase education and awareness on sustainable development and environmental responsibility among children and young people.

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

1. Continue implementing measures to eliminate discrimination against women and promote women’s empowerment.

2. Further strengthen efforts towards the development and implementation of policies that affect the realisation of the rights of persons with disabilities.

We wish the delegation of Romania a successful review.

Thank you, Mr. President.