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Thank you, Mr. President,

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

The Maldives welcomes the efforts by Mali to implement the recommendations from the previous review by establishing policies to strengthen women’s participation in political life and strengthening the capacities of the national human rights institution.

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

1. Strengthen cooperation with the Human Rights Council and the special procedures mandate holders.
2. Enhance efforts to provide access to quality education and implement measures to discourage children from dropping out of school.

We wish Mali a successful review.

Thank you, Mr. President.