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Thank you, Mr. President,

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

The Maldives takes positive note of the Bahamas’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 enactment of the Disaster Risk Management Act by the Parliament of the Bahamas in December 2022.

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

1. Intensify efforts towards adopting legislation on gender-based violence.

2. Ensure the Right to Education is guaranteed to all, without any discrimination.

We wish our fellow Small Island Developing State Bahamas, a successful review.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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