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Thank you, Mr. President,

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

The Maldives commends the efforts made by Luxembourg to combat discrimination and violence against women. We welcome the adoption of the National Action Plan on Equality between Women and Men, a comprehensive agenda for promoting gender equality, and empowering women and girls.

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

1. Accelerate the process of adopting the necessary legislative measures to safeguard minors in the juvenile justice system.
2. Strengthen measures to promote women in leadership positions in both the public and private sector.

We wish Luxembourg a successful review.

Thank you, Mr. President.