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Thank you, Mr. President,

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

The Maldives congratulates Montenegro on ratifying the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention) and welcome the adoption of the accompanying national implementation plan.

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

1. Continue efforts to ensure access to affordable, quality health care for children by providing appropriate funding.
2. Intensify action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in line with the country’s international commitments.

We wish Montenegro a successful review.

Thank you, Mr. President.