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Thank you, Mr. President,

The Maldives warmly welcomes the high-level delegation of Azerbaijan to this third cycle review. We express our appreciation to the delegation for their presentation today.

The Maldives welcomes the State Industrial Development Programme for 2015–2020 and all the efforts by Azerbaijan Government to the socioeconomic development of the country. We are encouraged by the improvement in the provisions of quality public services using the network of centres of the State Agency for Services and Social Innovations under the Office of President (ASAN).

In constructive spirit, The Maldives has the following recommendations to Azerbaijan:

1. To raise the awareness of the international community in the efforts undertaken to ensure the rights of IDP’s to return to their native lands in safety and dignity.
2. To further SDG-centric approach deployed by the Government in undertaking the measures designed to advance the promotion and protection of human rights.

We wish Azerbaijan every success at this Review.

Thank you, Mr. President.