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Thank you, Mr. President,

The Maldives extends a warm welcome to the distinguished delegation from Bangladesh to this third cycle review and takes positive note of the national report.

The Maldives commends the Government of Bangladesh for the numerous legislative measures taken for the implementation of the human rights treaty obligations including the adoption of laws on the Protection of the Rights of the Persons with Disabilities Act, 2013, Child Marriage Restraint Act, 2017 and Bangladesh Biodiversity Act, 2017.

We further welcome the Government’s efforts to improve women’s access to proper education, healthcare, employment, and housing.

In a constructive spirit, the Maldives presents the following recommendation to Bangladesh:

1. To continue efforts to implement the Chittagong Hill Tracts Peace Accord and ensure that the ethnic minorities fully enjoy their rights.

We wish Bangladesh every success at this review. Thank you, Mr. President