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Thank you, Mr. President,

The Maldives warmly welcomes the high-level delegation of the Russian Federation to this third cycle review and thanks the delegation for their presentation today.

The Maldives commends the Russian Federation on introducing into their federal law the notions of “trafficking in children”, “exploitation of children”, “victims of trafficking in and (or) exploitations of children” to combat trafficking and the exploitation of children.

In a constructive spirit, the Maldives recommends that the Government of the Russian Federation:

1. Improve support services for vicitims of domestic violence, including access to psycho-social support, educational centres and shelters for victims; and
2. Strengthen its efforts to provide for the rehabilitation and social reintegration of child victims of trafficking.

We wish the Russian Federation every success at this Review.

Thank you, Mr. President.