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Thank you, Mr. President,

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

We commend Germany for its recent efforts to protect two of the most vulnerable groups in the society, namely children and women from violence and abuse through the ratification of relevant conventions of the Council of Europe.

In constructive spirit, the Maldives recommends Germany to :

1. Continue efforts to improve access to health care for asylum seekers and refugees with disabilities.
2. Continue to strengthen measures to facilitate access to education by young people with migrant backgrounds to reduce socioeconomic disparity.
3. Continue to strengthen its efforts to combat intolerance towards Muslims.

We wish Germany every success at this Review.

Thank you, Mr. President