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Thank you, Mr. President,

Maldives welcomes the delegation of Cuba to this third cycle review and thanks the delegation for its presentation today.

The Maldives welcomes the positive steps taken by Cuba to ensure women’s participation in social, economic, and political spheres. We further welcome the implementation of Cuba’s National Action Plan of Children, Adolescents, and the Family 2015-2020

In a constructive spirit, the Maldives recommends Cuba:

* 1. To continue strengthening the space of national non-profit associations in the country.
  2. To continue ensuring free and universal access to public health.

We wish Cuba every success at this Review.

Thank you, Mr. President.