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Thank you, Mr. President,

The Maldives welcomes the delegation of Cabo Verde to this review. We express our appreciation for today’s presentation and take positive note of the national report.

The Maldives is encouraged by the numerous legislative and constitutional measures taken to ensure the promotion and protection of the rights of vulnerable people and groups. In this regard, we welcome the 2017-2019 National Plan to combat sexual violence against children and adolescents and the decree-law, which establishes procedures for recruitment and selection in Public Administration, for persons with disabilities.

In constructive spirit, the Maldives presents the following recommendation to Cabo Verde:

1. To continue efforts to promote gender equality and non-discrimination.

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