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Thank you, Mr President.

Seychelles welcomes the distinguished delegation of the Republic of Yemen and recognizes the positive steps taken to promote and protect fundamental human rights under difficult circumstances. Seychelles puts forward the following **three recommendations:**

1. First, keeping in mind the heightened risk of trafficking in persons and related violence in situations of conflict, and in commending Yemen for the development of a National Strategy to combat trafficking, Seychelles recommends that training is provided for front line governmental officers to identify, address and prevent the trafficking of vulnerable persons;
2. Second, to become a party to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and to enact legislation to implement the Convention that includes measures on compensation for victims and their families;
3. Thirdly, Seychelles recommends the development of an action plan to ensure responsive mechanisms are put in place for victims and survivors of sexual and gender-based violence.

Seychelles wishes the delegation of Yemen a fruitful session ahead.

Thank you, Mr President.