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**Review of Brunei Darussalam**

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Statement by:

Ambassador Hala Hameed

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Thank you, Mr. President,

The Maldives extends a warm welcome to the high-level delegation of Brunei Darussalam to this third cycle UPR and takes positive note of the presentation today.

The Maldives welcomes Brunei’s ratification of the International Covention on Rights of Persons with Disability and withdrawing reservations on several articles of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. We also positively take note of the efforts made by the government to integrate components of the International Conventions into long term policies of the country.

In constructive spirit, the Maldives presents the following two recommendations to the Government of Brunei:

1. Continue to develop an efficient system for the early detection and diagnosis of disability to ensure protection and promotion of the rights of persons with disabilities.
2. Ensure allocation of adequate human, technical and financial resources to alternative child care centers and relevant child protection services.

We wish Brunei every success at this review.

Thank you, Mr. President.