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Statement by:

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Thank you, Mr. President,

The Maldives warmly welcomes the delegation of El Salvador to this review and thank the delegation for the comprehensive presentation today.

The Maldives welcomes the different domestic legal instruments that has been adopted to ensure compliance with international human rights standards including the amendments brought to the Family Code, the Labour Code, and the adoption of the Special Comprehensive Act on a Violence-Free Life for Women. We are also encouraged by the the National Plan on Climate Change which was adopted.

In constructive spirit, the Maldives recommends El Salvador to:

1. Continue to build the national child protection system and ensure that it has adequate capacity to protect children at risk.
2. Review current criminal legislation and adopt special legislative measures to protect human rights defenders and journalists

My delegation wishes the delegation of El Salvador all the success during this review.

Thank you, Mr President,