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Thank you, Mr. President,

The Maldives warmly welcomes the delegation from Slovenia to this review and we express our appreciation for today’s presentation, and the national report.

The Maldives commends Slovenia for their midterm report in 2017 regarding the implementation of the recommendations made during its second universal periodic review.

In constructive spirit, the Maldives makes the following two recommendations to Slovenia:

1. Continue to strengthen its efforts through a comprehensive strategy to protect older persons from violence and all forms of abuse, and ensure that cases of elderly abuse are investigated and prosecuted.
2. Strengthen measures to prevent and combat violence against women, including domestic violence and sexual abuse.

We wish Slovenia every success at this review.

Thank you Mr. President.