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Statement by:

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Thank you, Mr. President,

The Maldives warmly welcomes the high-level delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

to this third cycle review and thanks the delegation for their presentation today.

The Maldives commends Bosnia and Herzegovina for the adoption of the the Law on Amendments to the Criminal Code of 2015 and the Law on Provision of Legal Aid of 2016. We are also encouraged by the progress made by Bosnia and Herzegovina on the empowerment of women with 60% of all judges and prosecutors in the judiciary system being women,

The Maldives wishes to present two recommendations to Bosnia and Herzegovina:

1. Strengthen its efforts for to improve health-care services and to address the issue of universal health care.
2. To formulate a Human Rights Action Plan to strengthen the promotion and protection of Human Rights in the Country.

We wish Bosnia and Herzegovina every success at this Review. Thank you, Mr. President.