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Thank you, Mr President.

Seychelles welcomes the distinguished delegation of the Republic of Fiji and thanks them for their informative national report and interventions today.

As fellow Small Island Developing States (SIDS), we share similar concerns and priorities, including regarding mitigation and adaption strategies to climate change. We commend Fiji for their leadership role in ensuring that a human rights approach is adopted within climate change conversations, both nationally and across international fora.

Seychelles offers the following two recommendations:

* First, to develop an action plan to ensure accessibility for children with disabilities to essential health care services and educational institutions in rural areas and outer islands;
* Second, to ratify the two Optional Protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) signed by Fiji in 2005, and to consider becoming a party to the third Optional Protocol to the CRC on a communications procedure.

We wish Fiji a fruitful review ahead.

Thank you, Mr President.