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Thank you, Madam. President,

The Maldives warmly welcomes the high-level delegation from Kyrgyzstan to this cycle of the UPR, and thanks the delegation for their presentation today.

The Maldives recognises the legislative amendments to the constitution that has come into effect in January 2019 that enhances fair trial processes, and increases the independence of the judiciary.

We would like to highlight that while the law on peaceful assemblies goes a long way towards the alignment with international standards, much more needs to be done to implement this law. In this regard, Maldives recommends the government of Kyrgyzstan to continue to strengthen its ongoing efforts to ensure the implementation of the law on peaceful assemblies by developing a plan of action.

Furthermore, Maldives takes note of the barriers faced by persons with disabilities and recommends the government of Kyrgyzstan to provide quality health care and access to health services in line with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

We wish Kyrgyzstan every success at this review.

Thank you, Madam. President