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**Statement from Brazil**

Brazil welcomes the delegation of the Maldives and has the honor to present the following two recommendations:

(1) take concrete steps to promote and protect the human rights of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers.

(2) strengthen efforts to apply, in law and practice, the full respect to the freedom of opinion and expression.

2. We commend the Maldives on the prohibition to impose the death penalty against children, and on the implementation of the Convention against Torture, both in line with previous recommendations from Brazil. We also recognize the peaceful elections in 2018 and 2019 as major steps to bolster the country`s democracy.

3. Finally, we urge the country to repeal all legal restrictions of citizenship to non-Muslim persons, especially children, and to consider further actions towards the protection of women`s rights, the prevention of human trafficking and religious intolerance and the promotion of the rights of persons with disabilities.