**Statement by Myanmar Delegation**

**at the 36th Session of the UPR Working Group of Maldives**

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(1 Minute 10 Seconds)

Madame President,

Myanmar welcomes to the delegation of Maldives to the UPR and takes note of the national report.

While there are cautious improvements, we remain concerns over the freedom to practice faith and belief in the country. We believe there are rooms for improvement.

In constructive spirit, Myanmar’s recommendations are as follows;

1. Adopt measures to establish anonymous helpline and counseling services for victims of discrimination and violence, especially for the vulnerable groups such as women, girls, people of religious minorities and LGBTI community;

2. Redouble its efforts to ensure that the rights of individuals, including children, are not violated for their chosen beliefs;

3. Enhance measures to promote interfaith dialogues and public debates on religious issues, and effectively address the spread of religious extremist ideologies and xenophobia, especially among youth.

4. Continue its measures to enhance the hotline services for victims of trafficking and exploitation, and ensure that shelters and services for victims are easily accessible.

We wish Maldives a successful review.

I thank you, Madame President.