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**Review of Republic of Malawi**

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Thank you, Madam President,

The Maldives extends a warm welcome to the high-level delegation of the Republic of Malawi to this third cycle of UPR and takes positive note of the presentation today.

The Maldives welcomes the work undertaken by the government of Malawi to strengthen democratic norms in the country including the adoption of the Political Parties Act in 2018 that promotes gender equality in political party representation among others.

In constructive spirit, the Maldives presents the following two recommendations to the Government of Malawi:

1. Take necessary measures to combat corruption and strengthen institutional capacities to effectively detect and investigate cases of corruption.
2. Ensure that the National Agriculture Policy is effectively implemented to enable sustainable agriculture production and productivity.

We wish Malawi every success at this review.

Thank you, Madam President.