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Thank you, Madam President,

The Maldives warmly welcomes the high-level delegation from Mongolia to this third cycle review and thanks the delegation for their presentation today.

The Maldives commends the Government of Mongolia for its efforts to advance human rights domestically and welcomes the progress made since the last UPR cycle. We also welcome the adoption of the Law on Rights of People with Disabilities, the development of a national plan of action to implement this law and the establishment of an agency in charge of persons with disabilities. The Maldives would also like to highlight the implementation of the National Programme on Child Development and Protection as a positive step towards the promotion and protection of child rights at the national level.

In constructive spirit, the Maldives would like to make the following recommendations;

1. Establish an independent body to investigate cases of torture and degrading treatment.

2. Strengthen efforts to guarantee equal access to education for all children at all levels, by providing particular attention to children from marginalised groups.

We wish Mongolia a successful review.

Thank you, Madam President