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Statement by:

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Thank you, Madam President,

The Maldives warmly welcomes the delegation from the Republic of Panama to this third cycle review and thanks them for their presentation today.

The Maldives acknowledges Panama’s commitment to advance human rights domestically and commends progress made since the last UPR cycle in 2015, particularly the introduction of public policies on Sustainable Development Goals, the adoption of Multidimensional Poverty Index and the establishment of National Council on Gender Parity to promote and generate spaces for coordination between government actors, the private sector and non-governmental organizations, to name a few.

In constructive spirit, the Maldives makes the following recommendations to the Panamanian authorities;

1. Conduct environmental impact assessment of investment projects and guarantee public disclosure of results from these assessments.

2. Adopt an inclusive social system that provides financial support for persons with disabilities.

We wish Panama a successful review. Thank you, Madam President