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Review of Maldives

Intervention by Delegation of Ukraine

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Madam President,

Ukraine welcomes Maldives’s adherence to the UPR process.

We commend decisive steps by the new administration aimed at consolidating democratic values and norms as well as progress achieved in respect of human rights, including through the adoption of numerous legislative acts.

Meanwhile, we would like to recommend to:

* finalize the process of ratification of the ICPPED;
* consider ratifying the Second OP to ICCPR, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty;
* strengthen the national Human Rights Commission to ensure its obtaining A status;

- bring juvenile justice system fully in line with the Convention on the Rights of the Child and other relevant standards;

- undertake further measures to protect freedom of religion or belief, creating an equal democratic space for all communities.

We wish Maldives a successful review.

I thank you.