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**COUNTRY UNDER REVIEW: MALDIVES**

**Intervention by Turkey**

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Madam President,

We welcome the delegation of Maldives and thank them for their comprehensive presentation today.

We are pleased to note that since its previous review in 2015, Maldives took notable steps to improve the human rights conditions.

Turkey gladly notes the efforts of Maldives made to strengthen democracy in the country. We warmly welcome substantive achievements in child rights through the Juvenile Justice Act and Child Rights Protection Act ratified by the Government last year.

We commend the efforts of Maldives to improve the quality of education in the country. We gladly observe the achievements in providing universal primary education such as the newly adopted CRPA that cements the efforts in this field.

Turkey also welcomes the Government’s steps to ease the access to justice.

We would like to **recommend** Maldives to continue to strengthen its efforts in the fields of human rights and conditions of migrant workers.

Turkey recognizes that Maldives is vulnerable to the climate change. We once again encourage the international community to improve climate resilience and support Maldivian efforts to mitigate the threat to Maldivian ecosystems and its people’s right to life.

Thank you.