

<u>National Statement, delivered by Ambassador Khalil Hashmi,</u> <u>Permanent Representative to the UN, during UPR report adoption of Maldives</u>

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Madam President,

We thank Maldives for presenting the update on the accepted recommendations.

We commend the Government of Maldives for accepting majority of the recommendations ours, which were made during the UPR Working Group Session in November 2020.

We appreciate Maldives's commitment to promote and protect human rights including through strengthening of national human rights institutions and mechanisms.

We hope that Maldives would exert all efforts to implement its National Human Rights Framework and Strategic Action Plan.

We wish Maldives every success in the implementation of accepted recommendations and request the Council to adopt the UPR outcome report with consensus.

I thank you.