



## **Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the UN** Geneva

### **National Statement, delivered by Ambassador Khalil Hashmi, Pakistan's Permanent Representative to the UN, during the 3<sup>rd</sup> UPR of Maldives** **4 November 2020**

**Madam President,**

Pakistan welcomes the delegation of Maldives to its 3<sup>rd</sup> Universal Periodic Review. It is encouraging to note that Maldives has implemented most of the recommendations, received during the 2<sup>nd</sup> UPR in 2015.

Despite being a Small Island Developing State, grappling with socio-economic and environmental challenges, Maldives has taken a number of legislative and administrative measures to strengthen national capacity for the promotion and protection of human rights. These include strengthening of National Human Rights Commission of Maldives as well as launching of National Human Rights Framework and Strategic Action Plan. We acknowledge the steps taken by Maldives to revive economic sector; ensure social protection; enhance access to education and improve health facilities in the country.

Pakistan also shares Maldives concerns regarding the adverse impacts of Climate Change, undermining its efforts towards sustainable development.

My delegation would like to make the following recommendations:

- 1) Sustain efforts for the effective implementation of National Human Rights Framework.
- 2) Continue to take steps to further empower women.

I thank you Madam President.