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## Item 3: Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on Truth, Justice and Reparation

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Thank you, Mr. President,

My delegation thanks the Special Rapporteur for the comprehensive report presented under this agenda item.

Mr. President,

The Government of Maldives is strongly committed to transitional justice to ensure accountability against state practices that condone and instigate breaches of human rights. In this regard, in November 2022, President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih has extended the term of the Office of the Ombudsperson for Transitional Justice for another year. This was done to continue carrying out the State's responsibilities in ensuring justice for all, by conducting independent investigations for unresolved cases.

The Maldives is committed to overcoming obstacles, promoting democracy, and fostering an environment that is tolerant and respectful of human dignity. It is paramount that transitional justice be implemented in order to move forward and right the wrongs of the past. We take note that the report has placed importance on educational measures as part of the reforms needed to prevent the recurrence of serious crimes and violations. Furthermore, we welcome the

Special Rapporteur's recommendation on the development of training programmes on transitional justice with and on the gender perspective. In this regard, we would like to hear the expert views of the Special Rapporteur regarding the good practices that can be adopted to ensure the inclusion of gendered perspectives in transitional justice.

I thank you.