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Thank you, Mr. President,

The Maldives extends its gratitude to the Advisory Committee for providing an insightful report on the impact of new technologies for climate protection on the enjoyment of human rights, including the right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment.

Mr. President,

As one of the world's lowest-lying nations, the Maldives is particularly vulnerable to the adverse consequences of rising sea levels, extreme weather events and coral degradation. The difference between a 1.5- and 2-degrees Celsius is a matter of life and death for us. Therefore, integrating new technologies into our climate protection efforts becomes imperative for ensuring a sustainable future. To this end, President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih has emphasized the urgent need for climate change mitigation measures.

Mr. President,

The Maldives is on an ambitious path towards achieving Net Zero by 2030. By embracing renewable energy technologies, we have made significant steps in

reducing carbon emissions. For example, the World Bank's Digital Maldives project expands climate data collection and fosters collaboration among different public, private, and non-governmental entities. This innovative platform enables sharing and utilization of climate data driving us towards a more climate resilient future.

Mr. President,

Climate change knows no borders, and addressing this crisis requires global collaboration along with unwavering commitment to multilateralism. In conclusion, as we adopt relevant technologies in our climate protection efforts, we call for unity and cooperation as we endeavor to achieve the sustainable development goals, leaving no one behind.

Thank you.