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Thank you Mr. President.

At the outset let me begin by thanking the Office of the High Commissioner for the excellent preparations for the panel and for panelists for their presentations and for sharing of their insights and existing best practices.

As a state-party to the Convention on the Rights of the Child and with the second longest de-facto moratorium, the Maldives welcomes this panel discussion on the negative impacts of the imposition and carrying out of death penalty on the human rights of children whose parents are sentenced to death penalty. We also concur that international community, led by this Council shall promote better understanding of the international human rights norms and standards relevant to the rights of those children.

We also feel that there need to be significant improvements to such norms and standards to address those concerns. For instance, Safeguards Guaranteeing the Protection of the Rights of Those Facing Death Penalty, approved by the Economic and Social Council on 25 May 1984, while outlining a basic foundation for rights of those people facing death penalty, does not cover rights of their children.

So, our question for the Panel is what are the existing international legal measures and international norms and standards, that can be of specific relevance to these children

if any, and what are the potential areas to enhance those standards and norms for the promotion and protection of rights of these children.

I thank you.