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**Statement by Ms. Rishfa Rasheed,
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Geneva**

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Thank You Mr. President,

The Maldives thanks the Independent Expert for his second report to the Council and presentation today. The Maldives commends the Government of Sudan for the progress in legislative and institutional developments towards improving the human rights situation in the country. It also takes note that human rights awareness has improved particularly among the government sectors.

The Maldives welcome the cooperation and assistance provided by the Government of Sudan, to the Independent Expert to access places and to meet with the institutions and officials and hopes this engagement would be sustained for further improvements in the situation. The Maldives further welcomes the adoption of the 10-year national action plan for the protection of human rights situation in the Sudan and looks forward to hearing progress made in the implementation of the action plan.

The Maldives understands the challenges faced by the Government of Sudan in implementing its UPR recommendations, as well as recommendations made by the Independent Expert following his visits to the country. In line with the recommendations made by the Independent Expert, the Maldives calls on the UN

system and the international community as a whole, to continue providing technical assistance and capacity-building to Sudan.

The Maldives further calls on the Government of Sudan, the international community, civil society organisations to continue and enhance efforts to provide assistance to Sudan.

Thank You Mr. President.