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Thank you Mr President,

The Maldives would like to welcome the delegation of Bangladesh, as a fellow member of SAARC.

In this spirit of close cooperation and solidarity, the Maldives would like to take note of its two recommendations that were accepted by Bangladesh.

The first recommendation regarded the Convention against Torture and the CRPD and it is with a great pleasure that my delegation observes that Bangladesh has taken further steps in bringing domestic legislation and policies in line with its obligations under core human rights instruments. The Maldives takes also positive note of the support of Bangladesh on the recommendation made to accede to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure at the earliest opportunity.

We commend the level of cooperation extended by the Bangladesh Delegation to the Council and its UPR process. We wish them all the best in moving towards implementing the agreed recommendations.

I thank you.