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Thank you Mr. President.

Mr. President,

At the outset, we wish to express our thanks to the Cuban government for its inputs on the recommendations made by the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review during its 16<sup>th</sup> session.

During the interactive dialogue at the 16<sup>th</sup> session of the UPR working group on Cuba, the Maldives had submitted three recommendations. These referred to seeking assistance and technical expertise from the OHCHR to develop a common core document in order to streamline treaty reporting, to ratify the ICESCR and ICCPR, and to continue to give particular priority to Special Education for children.

As a fellow member of AOSIS, the Maldives would like to extend its best wishes to the Cuban delegation at the adoption of its report.

I thank you.