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Statement by Ms. Rishfa Rasheed,  
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Geneva

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Thank You Mr. President,

The Maldives would like to welcome the adoption of the UPR report of Tuvalu, a fellow member of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS).

Given the capacity constraints of a small state, the Maldives fully understands the challenges faced in treaty reporting obligations. In this regard, the Maldives takes positive note of Tuvalu's acceptance to increase efforts to swiftly ratify core human rights instruments. Maldives is pleased that Tuvalu accepted 2 of the 4 recommendations made by the Maldives.

The Maldives would like to encourage Tuvalu Government to create awareness and advocate promotion of human rights, particularly on the rights of women in the society. The Maldives looks forward to the adoption of the draft Water Act, which will provide access to safe drinking water and sanitation.

The Maldives takes this opportunity to commend Tuvalu Government in its fight to protect its population from negative impacts from climate change.

Thank You Mr. President.