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Thank You

Mr. President, His Excellency the Prime Minister

Waan edin so-doweyne,

Let me take this opportunity, to extend a warm welcome to His Excellency, the Prime Minister of the Federal Government of Somalia, to the Human Rights Council. We especially appreciate the comments and presentations made by the distinguished panellists, and in our national capacity would like to make some additional remarks. First and foremost, the Maldives condemns the recent attack in Nairobi by Al-Shabab, and expresses its deepest condolences to the Kenyan authorities. Our sympathies and prayers today are with the families of victims from all nations who lost their lives.

Mr President,

The Maldives acknowledges that Somalia has continued to face difficult challenges in a number of key areas in the country. We fully support and appreciate the steps already taken by the Somali government, to engage in institution and capacity building, in addition to promoting and protecting human rights and fundamental freedoms.

We note positively of the governments efforts to embark on the human rights road map initiative that was proposed, which aims to safeguard the rights of the Somali people. It is therefore essential to continue to provide technical assistance to Somalia in order to strengthen the institutional framework and ensure that Somalia is able to fulfil its commitments to its people, in the promotion and protection of human rights.

Mr President,

We wish to urge the international community to continue providing full support and technical assistance to Somalia in order for the Somali government to succeed in its future endeavours.

As the recent atrocity in Nairobi had demonstrated, the aim of empowering the Somali government has become even more prominent. With the continued support of the international community, Somalia, we hope, will be able to combat the threat of Al-Shabab, which have destabilised Somalia in addition to the peace and stability of neighbouring states, and also the Indian Ocean region.

Let me conclude by reiterating the Maldives' full support and solidarity with Somalia and its people. What we appreciate most is the political will and strong commitment shown by the Somali Government in improving all aspects of life for its people, especially human rights. We wish them every success in their efforts.

I thank you.