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Saudi Arabia

The Maldives delegation would like to welcome the high-level delegation from Saudi Arabia to Geneva and would like to take this opportunity to congratulate them for their comprehensive and inclusive national report.

The Maldives delegation warmly welcomes the establishment of the National Human Rights Association in March 2004, and its mandate of receiving complaints of allegations of human rights violations, which is a clear indication of the commitment of Saudi Arabia towards the protection and promotion of human rights.

The Maldives also commends Saudi Arabia for its investments in education and ensuring that primary education is compulsory and free to all children. Saudi Arabia's efforts to disseminate information on the articles of the Convention on the Rights of Child, through media, schools and amongst the governmental and judicial authorities, are praiseworthy.

With these positive developments in mind, the Maldives recommends that Saudi Arabia take further steps to increase enrolment and retention rates in intermediate and secondary education.

Thank you.