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Thank you Mr. President,

The Maldives would like to welcome the delegation from Costa Rica and wish them a fruitful review.

The Maldives would also like to congratulate Costa Rica on its domestic, regional and international leadership on environmental issues – including through the promotion of the concept of the right to a healthy environment.

With its new 2008 Constitution, the Maldives recently joined Costa Rica as one of the 100 or more States where a healthy environment as a constitutionally-protected right. We have also, like Costa Rica, recently committed to achieving carbon-neutrality within just over a decade.

With this in mind, the Maldives would like to ask one question and make one recommendation:

The question is:

To what extent is the enjoyment of all human rights in Costa Rica dependent on the effective enjoyment of the constitutional right to a healthy environment?

And our recommendation is:

That Costa Rica, bearing in mind its historic leadership on the issue of environmental rights, takes forward the concept of environmental rights here at the Human Rights Council.

Thank you Mr. President.