



UPR 8th Session

Kiribati

The Maldives would like to welcome the distinguished delegation from Kiribati, a fellow member of the Alliance of Small Island States, to this 8th session of the UPR and would like to take this opportunity to congratulate them for their comprehensive and inclusive national report.

Mr. President,

As a fellow small island state that faces similar challenges and vulnerabilities due to the impact of climate change, the Maldives understands the severe technical and financial capacity constraints faced by Kiribati, and the knock-on effects of this in terms of the promotion and protection of human rights. With this in mind, the Maldives would like to make the following comments and recommendations:

We congratulate the government of Kiribati for its endeavor and commitment towards providing access to free education and healthcare for all its citizens, and commend and encourage Kiribati's current outreach effort for technical assistance and cooperation from other States in these fields.



The Maldives notes the Kiribati Government's effort in improving the situation of discrimination against women in all areas and strongly urges Kiribati to proceed with the implementation of its National Action Plan to eliminate gender based violence. The Republic of the Maldives would like to recommend that Kiribati accede to the core international human rights instruments namely International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and the Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR).

Thank you.