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The Maldives would like to welcome the distinguished delegation from Jamaica, a fellow member of the Alliance of Small Island States, to this 9th session of the UPR and would like to take this opportunity to thank the Jamaican delegation for their national report.

Mr. President,

Maldives, as a country with similar economic, social and environmental challenges, understands the vulnerabilities facing Jamaica due to climate change and its cascade effect on the promotion and protection of human rights. Maldives also notes that during the past two years Jamaica had seen two major hurricanes, and that both frequency and intensity of such natural disasters are increasing as a result of climate change.

We believe that such issues can only be addressed by the International community as a whole and Maldives recommends that major industrialized economies, help promote and protect human rights in Jamaica both by reducing greenhouse gas emissions to "safe" levels that are consistent with the full enjoyment of human rights, and by funding adaptation measures to help Jamaica cope with those changes that are already taking place.

Maldives also notes the visit of Special Rapporteur on Torture to Jamaica during February 2010 and would like to recommend that Jamaica ratifies both CAT and OPCAT and that its domestic laws be revised to include the provisions of the Convention.

Maldives has greatly benefited from the visits of UN HRC special procedures in the past and in this regard would like to pose the following question: Is Jamaica considering extending a standing invitation to all such procedures?

Thank you.