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Libyan Arab Jamahiriyya

Thank you, Mr. President,

The Maldives would like to welcome the distinguished delegation from Libyan Arab Jamahiriyya, a fellow member of the Organization of Islamic Conference, to this 9th session of the UPR and would like to take this opportunity to thank the Libyan delegation for their national report.

Mr. President,

Libyan efforts on discrimination against women, specially when it comes to female enrolment in schools and universities are admirable. Maldives recommends ^{that} Libyan Arab Jamahiriyya ^{should} translate these achievements in establishing gender balance in professional spheres of life, and to increase female participation in the public and political life.

United Nations and its vast network of entities and organs have positively contributed to ^{the} Maldives efforts to improve its own human rights records. In this regard Maldives welcomes the joint initiative between Libya and UNODC on increasing transparency, expanding anti-corruption measures, strengthening the rule of law and in judicial reform. Maldives recommends that United Nations provide further technical assistance to Libya on other such areas.

Maldives believes ^{that} civil society is a key element in protection and promotion of human rights and in this regard we ^{note} commend the steps taken by Libya to enhance its civil society, as part of the wider reforms pursued by the state. ~~Maldives also wishes~~ to highlight that the government of Libya has committed to increase cooperation, collaboration and dialogue with those NGOs active in the field of human rights. ^{Maldives also believes} Maldives recommends that Libyan Arab Jamahiriyya continue these positive steps.

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 Libyan Arab Jamahiriyya considering extending a standing invitation to all such procedures?

Thank you.

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