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Statement – Myanmar

Thank you Mr. President,

The Maldives would like to welcome the delegation of Myanmar to this 10th session of the UPR working group. We would also like to congratulate Myanmar on their national report and for their engagement with the UPR Process. We believe that this engagement, together with their cooperation with the Special Rapporteur on Myanmar, and the country's positive record of treaty reporting under CRC and CEDAW, demonstrate Myanmar's willingness to work with the international human rights community.

The Maldives welcomes the recent release of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi: a courageous advocate of human rights and democracy. We also welcome the fact that the Government of Myanmar has publicly committed itself to making the transition to democracy based on its 7-step Roadmap for Democracy.

In our view, such democratic reforms must proceed in an open, transparent and inclusive manner. This is vital in order to build trust among all stakeholders, both domestic and international.

With this in mind, the Maldives would like to offer the following recommendations:

1. Begin a transparent and inclusive dialogue with all national stakeholders, including opposition parties and civil society, aimed at reviewing and reforming all relevant national legislation to ensure that it is consistent with international human rights law.
2. Establish a national consultative body to provide a platform for all national stakeholders to be consulted on and involved in the implementation of the democratic reform process.
3. Extend a Standing Invitation to all UN human rights Special Procedures.
4. Invite the Special Rapporteurs on Judges and Lawyers, on Freedom of Opinion and Expression, and on Torture and other Inhuman, Cruel or Degrading Treatment or Punishment to visit the country.
5. Sign and ratify CAT and OPCAT, and establish a National Preventative Mechanism.
6. Renew the agreement with the International Committee of the Red Cross to allow visits to places of detention.
7. Invite the new Special Rapporteur on the Rights to Freedom of Assembly and of Association to visit the country.