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Permanent Mission of the Republic of Maldives
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**Statement to be delivered by
H.E. Ms. Iruthisham Adam, Ambassador/Permanent Representative
of the Republic of Maldives to the 14th Session of the Working Group on
Universal Periodic Review, on the Review of Switzerland
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Thank You Madam President,

The Maldives would like to welcome the delegation of Switzerland and express its appreciation for the Swiss engagement with the UPR process. We would like to thank Switzerland for their responses to our advance questions to the Swiss delegation.

Madam President,

While acknowledging the efforts by Swiss authorities since its last review, we believe that human rights can always be improved in every country, the very aim of this working group.

In this spirit Maldives wish to make the following recommendations.

1. Maldives commends Swiss leadership in the Human Rights Council on human rights and environment, and recommend to continue its leadership including through its support to newly appointed Independent Expert on Human Rights & Environment.
2. Encourage the expansion of the bilateral cooperation between the Swiss and Romanian task forces against Human Trafficking, to more countries of origin.

Thank You Madam President.