



Permanent Mission of the Republic of Maldives  
to the United Nations Office at Geneva

**Statement to be delivered by  
Mr. Muruthala Moosa, Third Secretary, Permanent Mission of Maldives to the  
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on the Review of Barbados  
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Thank you Madam President,

The Maldives would like to welcome the distinguished delegation of Barbados, a fellow Small Island Developing State (SIDS). It is noteworthy to mention the wide range of consultation held inter-Ministerial and with the civil society in the compilation of the National Report.

Madam President,

We congratulate Barbados for its achievements in consolidating human rights since its last review. Particularly, the Maldives notes the positive step taken by Barbados in welcoming the appointment of the Human Rights Adviser in Barbados. As a country who has benefited from such a partnership, the Maldives believes the it would assist Barbados in strengthening its human rights mechanisms.

As a SIDS, the Barbados is confronted with constraints in its capacity to enforce and report on its Treaty obligations as a party. The Maldives calls upon the international community to extend technical assistance to Barbados, in its efforts to conduct training, awareness programmes and consolidation of its national human rights framework.

Madam President,

The Maldives would like to make the following recommendations:

1. To establish a national human rights institution
2. To sign and ratify Convention Against Torture
3. To ratify Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)

I thank you.