



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

**Statement to be delivered by  
Ms. Rishfa Rasheed, First Secretary of the Permanent Mission  
of the Republic of Maldives to the United Nations Offices in Geneva  
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**Review of Cape Verde  
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Thank You Mr. President,

The Maldives would like to welcome the distinguished delegation of Cape Verde, a fellow member of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS). The Maldives recognizes the efforts made by Cape Verde in developing a framework for technical cooperation with international and regional human rights mechanisms in preparing for treaty body reports, particularly in submitting reports within the framework of CEDAW in 2010.

The Maldives would like to make the following recommendations:

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1. While noting the financial difficulties faced by Small Island States, Cape Verde should continue to strengthen efforts to work with the OHCHR and Regional Offices to fulfil its obligations on international human rights treaties, particularly on the elaboration of the common-core document to treaty body reporting, with international and regional reports, particularly in

2. We are encouraged by the positive steps taken for women's involvement in decision-making in the country. However, stereotyping and violence against women, as well as

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1. State take steps to organize education and awareness campaigns, training programs and educational facilities to change behaviour and public attitudes, towards gender equality and mainstreaming, as well as to strengthen women's and children's rights in the country.

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The Maldives is aware of the multifaceted challenges confronted by Cape Verde, from negative effects of climate change on its vulnerable people, the resource constraints, and the new socio-economic challenges Cape Verde faces in its smooth transition from a Least Developed Country to a middle-income status in 2008. In this regard, the Maldives recognizes that Cape Verde requires technical assistance and financial support from the international community to implement recommendations arising from its international treaty reporting obligations and in realising human rights for its citizens on the ground.

During the first cycle, we recommended Cape Verde to invite selected human rights special procedures mandate holders to visit the country. However, we noted that no standing invitation has been issued thus far. We would be happy to hear from the distinguished delegation the status of implementation of this recommendation.

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