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Thank you Mr. President,

The Maldives would like to welcome distinguished delegation of the People's Republic of China to the Working Group on the UPR and thank them for their active cooperation and engagement with the Council and its UPR mechanism.

The Maldives welcomes the adoption of a number of important legislations by China aimed at the promotion of human rights since its first review in 2009. We also commend China on its Human Rights Action Plan from 2009-2010, and welcome the release of the second National Human Rights Action Plan for the period of 2012-2015. We would encourage China to include benchmarks for progress and measures for implementing the plans included in the second NHRAP.

In order to further enhance human rights in China, the Maldives recommends to ratify the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which was signed by China in 1998, and to accede to the First Optional Protocol of the Covenant.

We wish the delegation of the People's Republic of China all the success in its review.

Thank You Mr. President.