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**Statement by H.E. Ms. Iruthisham Adam,  
Permanent Representative  
of Maldives to the United Nations Offices in Geneva**

Thank you Mr. President,

The Maldives would like to welcome the distinguished delegation of Mauritius, as a fellow SIDS and also the first SIDS to become a member of the Council. We commend them for their extensive nationwide consultations undertaken in preparation for the UPR, and thank them for their active cooperation.

The Maldives would like to make the following recommendations:

1. To improve existing measures on combating violence against children, as a key obligation under the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and other international human rights instruments.
2. To make further efforts in increasing participation of persons with disabilities at all levels of political and public life, especially the electoral process.
3. To formulate strict legislation to prevent abuse and exploitation of children with disabilities by parents or other members of society; and provide necessary measures to assist them in their quest of justice.

Mr. President,

The Maldives appreciates the implementation of certain accepted recommendations from the first cycle and hopes that this review will give impetus to further advance the Mauritius' implementation process. However, we note that despite the Government's acceptance of relevant recommendations made during the UPR in 2009, and recommendations made by the Committee on the Rights of the Child, we believe adequate and sufficient progress could be further achieved in improving existing safeguards and child protection systems in the country.



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We sincerely hope that the distinguished delegation will give further consideration to such issues during the implementation of the recommendations of this review.

Finally, let me once again express our appreciation to the delegation of Mauritius for their constructive participation and we wish them all the best in the implementation of the agreed recommendations.

I thank you.