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Thank you Madam Vice-President.

The Maldives welcomes the delegation of Mexico to the 17<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR and appreciates their active cooperation and engagement with the mechanism.

We would like to make the following recommendations;

- 1) Ensure investigations of violence against women, and establish victim support programmes for affected women;
- 2) Ensure the implementation of gender equality laws, specifically the General Act for Equality between men and women, in all 32 states.

The Maldives notes positively that Mexico has made some noteworthy achievements in its promotion and protection of human rights, in particular the rights of women. The establishment of the General Act for Equality between Women and Men, and the General Act on Women's Access to a Life Free of Violence are significant developments that can ensure the full implementation of CEDAW, of which Mexico is a party to.

We would also encourage Mexico to improve measures to counter discrimination and violence against women, which is on-going, despite the adoption of the General Act on Women's Access to a Life Free of Violence.

We commend Mexico for their active engagement, and remain impressed by the role of Mexico in the Human Rights Council. We will always look forward to working with them, in close collaboration and partnership.

We wish the delegation of Mexico all the best in its review.

Thank you Madam Vice-President