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**Statement by HE Ms. Iruthisham Adam, Ambassador / Permanent Representative  
of Maldives to the United Nations Offices in Geneva**

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Thank you Mr President,

The Maldives welcomes the distinguished delegation of Uruguay, and express appreciation for the Government of Uruguay's engagement with the UPR process.

The Maldives commends Uruguay's constructive participation at the first UPR cycle. We are confident that Uruguay will continue its active engagement with the Council. Maldives further commends Uruguay for updating its treaty reporting obligations.

Mr President,

The Maldives would like to make the following recommendations:

1. To address overcrowding in prison systems and poor prison conditions, especially to ensure human rights of women prisoners are protected
2. To promote and protect human rights of women, by strengthening efforts to end domestic violence, and other forms of violence and discrimination against women by implementation of existing laws, awareness programmes, etc.

The Maldives while taking note of the efforts of the Uruguay's Government to provide psychological, social and legal assistance to victims of domestic violence encourage further improvement in the situation. The Maldives takes positive note of the efforts made by Uruguay to address the plight of children, especially those living under poverty and in streets, and forced to child labor.

I thank you Mr President.