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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 delegation of Yemen, and thank them for their active engagement with the Council.

We wish to commend Yemen for its commitment, to bring peace and prosperity to its citizens in the face of enormous challenges. We would like to encourage Yemen to continue efforts made in the national dialogue.

The Maldives would like to make the following two recommendations;

- 1) To conduct an independent, transparent and objective investigation into the human rights violations committed during the 2011 uprising, through the Commission of Inquiry.
- 2) To ensure that adequate resources, political commitment and support be given in preparations for the upcoming Presidential and Parliamentary elections in 2014, which must be held in a free, fair and transparent manner and in accordance with international standards.

Mr President,

Yemen's ongoing political transition and reforms - the most significant for decades, is absolutely crucial to chart the trajectory of its future development and the well being of its citizens. We encourage the international community to provide Yemen with technical and financial support in preparation for, and during the electoral process.

We wish the delegation of Yemen all the best.

Thank you Mr President.