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Thank you Mr President,

The Maldives warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Comoros, a fellow member of Alliance of Small Island Developing States, to the UPR Session.

The Maldives congratulate the Government of Comoros for its accession to ICC and ratification of CRPD.

Mr President,

The Maldives would like to make the following recommendations:

1. To develop a national strategic action plan for the prevention of all forms of violence against women as noted by CEDAW.
2. To conduct appropriate programs towards increasing participation and enhance participation of civil society in decision-making and development process.

The Maldives understands the challenges faced by Comoros in addressing some of the human rights issues in the country, and calls on the international community to continue to provide necessary technical assistance to implement appropriate action plans, particularly in the area of human rights of vulnerable groups, including women and girls, and children. The Maldives also notes the importance of strengthening the judicial system and the training of police in this regard.

We wish the delegation of Comoros all the best.

I thank you Mr President.