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Thank you Mr. President.

The Maldives warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Ethiopia at this session and thank them for their presentation today.

My delegation appreciates Ethiopia's positive steps in promoting the role of women in political, economic and social life since the last review. My delegation also takes note of the ratification of the CRPD in 2010 and the constructive cooperation that the Government of Ethiopia has shown with UN human rights mechanisms.

Mr. President,

The Maldives would like to make the following recommendations for the consideration of the delegation of Ethiopia:

1. To continue efforts to strengthen quality of education and access to education and make basic / primary education free for all, especially in rural areas.
2. To address issues of environmental degradation, and disaster management, in order to ensure the protection of the environment.

The Maldives welcomes the establishment of the National Human Rights Action Plan in June 2013 and the establishment of the Ethiopian Human Rights Commission. We note that the delegation of Ethiopia has identified poverty, resource constraints, lack of capacity and the impacts of climate change as challenges in the promotion and protection of human rights across the regions, and hence call on the international community to assist Ethiopia in addressing these issues.

The Maldives wishes the delegation of Ethiopia all the success at this review.

Thank you Mr. President.