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Thank you Mr. President

My delegation welcomes the delegation of the brotherly nation of Egypt, led by the Honorable Minister of Transitional Justice, and thank them for the presentation of the national report. Taking into account the revolutionary changes that have taken place in Egypt since the last review, the Maldives commends the efforts taken to address human rights issues. The Maldives also takes positive note of the Government's efforts in adopting the amended Constitution, and the national road map for democratic change.

The Maldives would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Take concrete measures to guarantee access to safe drinking water and sanitation for all, particularly for those in rural areas
2. Continue to strengthen efforts to eliminate human trafficking, in accordance with the national plan of action

The Maldives notes the Government's efforts to address poverty and illiteracy in the country. The Maldives also appreciates that the amendments to the Constitution addresses a wide range of issues including on discrimination against women, and urges the State to implement them swiftly.

We wish the Egyptian delegation the best in this review, as well as in its next step in the democratic transition process.

Thank you Mr. President