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Thank you Mr. President

The Maldives welcomes the distinguished delegation of Kuwait to this review and express our appreciation for the presentation of the national report and the interactive dialogue today.

The Maldives recognizes the policies and plans by the Government of Kuwait to promote and protect the rights of women, and encourages the Government of Kuwait to strengthen efforts to advance gender equality and women's empowerment.

The Maldives would like to make the following recommendations:

1. To take steps for free, compulsory and inclusive, quality education for all children
2. To adopt measures to combat domestic violence

In conclusion, the Maldives encourages the Government to continue and strengthen efforts to promote and protect human rights in the country. In this regard, the Maldives also takes positive note of the human rights awareness activities held by the Kuwaiti Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

We wish the delegation the best during this review.

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