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Thank you, Mr. President,

The Maldives extends a warm welcome to the distinguished delegates from the Nauru to this second cycle of the Universal Periodic Review. We would like to take this opportunity also to congratulate the Nauru for its comprehensive and inclusive national report and appreciates the importance that it attaches to this mechanism. The Maldives notes that Nauru has accepted 5 out of the 8 recommendations from Maldives, in its first cycle of UPR.

The Maldives would like to make the following recommendations:

- 1) To seek to increase women's political participation and representation in decision making and women's economic empowerment
- 2) Develop disability legislation

The Maldives recognizes the significant achievements towards legislative reform by the Government of Nauru since the first cycle of UPR, including the enactment of the Cyber Crimes Act 2015, Interpretation Act 2011, and Amendments to Education Act 2015, Refugee Act 2012 and Adoption Act 2015, to name a few.

In relation to the policy developments, Maldives notes the National Disability Policy 2015, Nauru National Youth Policy 2009-2015, Nauru National Women's Policy 2014-2019, Nauru Gender Country Plan that have been effected to further strengthen the national machineries.

While acknowledging the sustained challenges and impacts from climate change faced by Small Island Developing States such as Nauru, Maldives appreciates the adoption of the Framework for Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction in 2015, as an official policy to respond to the risks to sustainable development posed by climate change and disasters, highlighting the importance that Nauru attaches to mitigate its effects.

Maldives wishes the delegation success in this review.