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Thank you, Mr. President,

The Maldives extends a warm welcome to the distinguished delegation of Oman to this second cycle of the Universal Periodic Review and thank them for their active engagement with the Working Group this morning.

The Maldives would like to make the following recommendations:

- 1) Continue efforts to ensure equal access to education for women and girls, and advocate for broader participation of women in the labour force.
- 2) Further improve access by persons with disabilities to education through the Implementation of the National Strategy for the Disabled.

The Maldives appreciates the efforts made by the Government of the Sultanate of Oman in setting up the institutional mechanisms to give explicit focus on the persons with disabilities in particular the development of relevant long term strategies towards social work, women and children and persons with disabilities. The efforts to expand the educational programmes to protect the interests of persons with disabilities across all levels of the educational system including higher education and in providing equal opportunities without discrimination are hugely appreciated.

The Maldives further recognizes the importance accorded by the Government of Oman to the health sector, in particular the high doctor nurse ratio per population and the high immunization coverage on childhood vaccines as part of its efforts to improve children's health.

Maldives wishes the delegation of Oman, success on the second cycle of UPR.

Thank you