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Thank you, Mr. President,

The Maldives welcomes the distinguished delegation of Sao Tome and Principe, fellow Small Island Developing State, and express our appreciation for taking part in the Universal Periodic Review process.

The Maldives would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Establish a national policy to address the rights of persons with disabilities.
2. Take appropriate measures to improve the accessibility and quality of education.
3. Continue to address efforts to mitigate effects of climate change, both nationally and internationally.

The Maldives welcomes the establishment of the Counselling Centre against Domestic Violence, and also the importance attached to health. The Maldives further takes positive note of the adoption of the Education and Training Strategy 2007-2017

We wish the delegation the very best in this review.

Thank you Mr President
