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**Statement by Her Excellency Dr. Hala Hameed, Permanent Representative
of the Republic of Maldives to the United Nations Office at Geneva**

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Thank you, Mr. President,

The Maldives welcomes the delegation of the Kingdom of Denmark to this review, and express appreciation for its national report and engagement in this process.

The Maldives congratulates the progress Denmark has made since the first review, and wishes to make the following recommendations:

1. Eliminate discrimination against migrants, and especially migrant women;
2. Adopt a comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation;
3. Develop and implement a national action plan to cultivate a culture of respect and tolerance and promote intercultural understanding;
and
4. Amend laws to ensure that all persons with disabilities could vote and stand for election.

The Maldives welcomes the adoption in 2013 of the Gender Equality Act, and adoption of the 2014-2017 Strategy and Action Plan against Violence.

Finally, let me wish the delegation of the Kingdom of Denmark success during this review and we wish them all the best in the implementation of the agreed recommendations.

Thank you Mr. President.