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Statement by:

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Thank you, Mr. President,

The Maldives welcomes the delegation from Lithuania to this review. We express our appreciation for today's presentation and the national report, as well as implementation of recommendations Lithuania received during its first cycle reports.

The Maldives commends Lithuania's progress in gender equality promotion, including equal pay for equal and work for equal value. We also welcome the Implementation of the National Programme for the Prevention of Domestic Violence in 2014-2015.

The Maldives makes the following recommendations; that the Government of Lithuania:

- 1) Introduce a definition of torture to a Criminal Code making torture a distinct offence with corresponding punishments;
- 2) Continue to promote the rights of national minorities through a legal framework; and
- 3) Continue its work in preventing all cases of Human Trafficking.

We appreciate Lithuania's efforts to implement the Program for Optimisation of Police Detention Facility Performance (2009-2015) and other measures taken to close the worst-standard police detention facilities and improve detention material conditions.

To conclude, we wish Lithuania success during this review.

Thank you Mr. President.