

Statement by

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Thank you, Mr. President,

The Maldives thanks the High Commissioner for her oral update.

Mr. President,

The Maldives believes that the basis for governance is the rule of law. It ensures the protection of fundamental human rights for all, without any discrimination. Despite the continued burden of the pandemic, the Maldives has made significant progress in our commitment to promote and protect human rights at the national level. For instance, President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih ratified the Civil Procedure Code in December 2021, to enhance the efficiency of the civil litigation process and to ensure court cases are decided in a just and transparent manner. President also ratified the second amendment to the Anti-Corruption Commission Act in May 2021, redefining corruption.

It is also noteworthy that the Maldives Civil Service Act has been amended to allow employment opportunities for people with disabilities. This is certainly a stepping stone towards guaranteeing fairness and inclusivity in the civil service.

Mr. President,

Before concluding, let me also note that China has been an important development partner, and our relationship is based on mutual respect of each other's sovereignty and territorial integrity. We, therefore, reiterate our firm commitment to the long-standing One-China policy. We are confident that, under the principle of One Country, Two Systems, the Chinese people will continue to prosper and enjoy economic benefits and universally accepted fundamental freedoms.

I thank you.