

Statement by

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Thank you, Mr. President,

The Maldives warmly welcomes the delegation of Suriname to the adoption of the UPR Outcome Report and appreciates their commitment to the UPR process in the promotion and protection of human rights.

My delegation commends Suriname for accepting most of the recommendations they received during the 39th Session of the Working Group in November last year, including the two recommendations made by the Maldives to operationalize the national human rights institute by allocating sufficient resources in the national budget, and to formulate public policies to combat child poverty.

We take positive note of the efforts made by the Government of Suriname to engage with international and regional partners on issues related to the promotion and protection of human rights. As a fellow small island developing state, we also welcome Suriname's adoption of the Environmental Framework Act of 2020 and hope that it will soon form the basis for a national environmental strategic plan.

We wish the delegation of Suriname every success in the implementation of the accepted recommendations and advise the Council to adopt the UPR outcome report of Suriname by consensus.

I thank you, Mr. President.