

**Statement by**

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Thank you, Mr. President,

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

We are pleased to note that the government of Papua New Guinea accepted the recommendations made by the Maldives to develop a national strategy on out-of-school children to ensure access to education, and to enhance the greater participation of women in politics and decision-making.

We also commend Papua New Guinea for the recent successful establishment of an Independent Commission against Corruption.

We wish the government of Papua New Guinea every success in the implementation of the accepted recommendations and advise the Council to adopt the UPR outcome report of Papua New Guinea by consensus.

I thank you, Mr. President.