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Thank you, Mr. President,

The Maldives warmly welcomes the delegation of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to the adoption of the UPR Outcome Report and appreciates their commitment to the UPR process.

We are happy to note that the government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines accepted the recommendations made by the Maldives to develop policies and programmes on climate change and disaster risk management, and to raise the minimum age of marriage to 18 years.

We also commend Saint Vincent and the Grenadines for demonstrating their commitment to upholding and promoting human rights by recently enacting several noteworthy pieces of legislation, including the Domestic Violence Act, the Child Justice Act, and the Occupational Safety and Health Act.

As a fellow small island developing state, we wish the government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines every success in the implementation of the accepted recommendations.

I thank you, Mr. President.