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Thank you, Mr. President,

The Maldives warmly welcomes the delegation of Antigua and Barbuda 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 applauds Antigua and Barbuda for accepting most of the recommendations they received during the 39th Session of the Working Group in November of last year, including those made by the Maldives to integrate children with disabilities into regular schools and enhance awareness among women of their rights under CEDAW.

As a fellow small island developing state, we also commend Antigua and Barbuda for its leadership in the area of environmental commitments as well as its efforts to bring net emissions down to zero by 2050. We thank Antigua and Barbuda for taking

ambitious steps to protect the environment for future generations and wish them every success in the implementation of the accepted recommendations.

I thank you, Mr. President.