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Thank you, Mr. President,

The Maldives warmly welcomes the delegation of Trinidad and Tobago 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 Trinidad and Tobago 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 address the root causes of the prevalence of HIV/AIDs, and to reduce the gender wage gap by enforcing the principle of equal pay for work of equal value.

As a fellow small island developing state, we also applaud the government of Trinidad and Tobago for continuing to implement effective climate change and disaster risk reduction policies.

We wish the government of Trinidad and Tobago every success in the implementation of the accepted recommendations and requests the Council to adopt the UPR outcome report of Trinidad and Tobago by consensus.

I thank you, Mr. President.