

**Statement by**

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**Item 2: Interactive Dialogue on the Office of the High Commissioner for  
Human Rights' Update on Sri Lanka**

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Thank you, Mr. President,

The Maldives takes note of High Commissioner's report and her oral remarks.

Sri Lanka is a close friend and neighbour of the Maldives. We have always been supportive of Sri Lanka's efforts and progress in overcoming the challenges related to the development of the country. We believe that the country is well positioned to find solutions within its established democratic processes.

We appreciate the contribution provided by the International community to assist Sri Lanka to pursue its human rights agenda. We are confident that the Government of Sri Lanka will continue to engage with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Human Rights Council and its mechanisms in good faith and in accordance with their national priorities to realize the aspirations of Sri Lankan people.

I thank you.