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Thank you, Mr. President,

The Maldives warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of South Africa to this session.

We commend South Africa for accepting the majority of the recommendations received during its 4th cycle of the UPR held on 16 November 2022.

My delegation notes with appreciation that South Africa has accepted the recommendation made by the Maldives to conduct awareness-raising programmes for women, including women with disabilities, and with regard to legal remedies put in place to eliminate discrimination against women.

We would also like to welcome the efforts undertaken by the Government of South Africa to promote economic growth in the country through initiatives such as the Presidential Employment Stimulus which has improved the livelihood of more than one million people.

The Maldives recommends the adoption of the 4th Cycle UPR Report of South Africa by consensus and wishes the Government of South Africa every success in implementation of the accepted recommendations.

I thank you.