

**Statement by**

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Thank you, Mr. President,

The Maldives warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Finland to the adoption of the UPR Report. The Maldives commends Finland for supporting 168 recommendations and for continuing to actively engage in discussions related to the interlinkages between human rights and the environment, biodiversity, and climate change.

My delegation notes with appreciation that Finland has accepted both the recommendations made by the Maldives to increase the availability of affordable mental health-care services and to allocate sufficient resources to effectively respond to gender-based violence and increase the number of shelters and crisis centres, especially to those in rural remote areas.

The Maldives recommends the Council to adopt the UPR outcome report of Finland by consensus and wishes the Government of Finland every success in the implementation of accepted recommendations.

I thank you, Mr. President.