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Thank you, Mr. President,

The Maldives warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to this session.

My delegation commends the efforts undertaken by the Government of the United Kingdom to combat violence against women and domestic abuse. In this regard, we note the positive steps taken to strengthen the legislative framework to ensure victims of domestic abuse unhindered access to free legal advice and representation.

We further appreciate the consultative approach adopted by the United Kingdom towards the Universal Periodic Review process, by enhancing engagement with the civil society and national human rights institutions.

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

I thank you.