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Thank you, Mr President,

I would like to begin by thanking the Independent Expert for the comprehensive report, outlining the efforts made to revise the declaration on the right to international solidarity.

Mr President,

We recognize that we live in an increasingly interconnected, interdependent, and globalized world. For many developing countries, international solidarity is crucial for combatting the challenges that undermine their ability to achieve progress effectively. One such challenge for the Maldives is climate change, which threatens to set back our development gains and fundamental rights. International solidarity can enable countries to address these challenges through international cooperation including in the areas of finance and investment, technology transfer and supply chain resilience that would reduce external shocks and promote sustainable development, leaving no one behind.

Mr. President,

The concept of international solidarity as highlighted in the Report to the council today has been a recurring theme in global treaties and agreements. The promotion of international solidarity has positive effects on the society, the environment, and the economy by fostering peaceful relations, advancing sustainable development, and cultivating positive cross-border relationships through effective governance.

Mr. President,

The Maldives firmly believes that the promotion and protection of human rights require both domestic and international efforts, working in unison and harmony. It is imperative for us to collaborate in the spirit of global cooperation and solidarity to safeguard and advance the fundamental human rights of all.

I thank you.