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Thank you, Mr. President.

The Maldives warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of the Republic of Korea to this session.

We commend the Republic of Korea for adopting a consultative approach towards formulating the national report and for the efforts undertaken to promote and protect human rights in the domestic sphere, including the establishment of the National Centre for the Rights of the Child for policies on children.

My delegation notes with deep appreciation that the Republic of Korea has accepted the recommendation made by the Maldives on reinforcing the gender and women's rights mandate of the National Human Rights Commission.

We would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Republic of Korea for its accession to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

The Maldives requests the council to adopt the 4th Cycle UPR Report of the Republic of Korea by consensus and wishes the Republic of Korea every success in the implementation of the accepted recommendations.

I thank you.