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Thank you, Mr. President,

The Maldives warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Benin to the adoption of the UPR Report. The Maldives commends Benin for accepting the majority of the recommendations received during its 4th cycle of the Universal Periodic Review held on 26 January 2023.

My delegation notes with appreciation that Benin has accepted both the recommendations made by the Maldives to continue to conduct awareness-raising programmes to encourage girls to enroll in school and increase efforts to end violence against women by providing specialized training to all actors involved in victim support.

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

Thank you.