

Statement by
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Thank you, Mr. President,

The Maldives extends its appreciation to the Acting High Commissioner for her oral update. We welcome the work undertaken by the OHCHR to promote and protect human rights globally.

Mr. President,

An independent judicial system is vital for a democracy to succeed. As such, we believe in the importance of establishing an efficient and competent legal system that undertakes its work with impartiality. In this regard, the government has recently commenced a Justice and Legal Sector Stock-Taking Exercise. This Exercise will collate the reform proposals of the government, towards the justice and legal sector, and assess the progress of implementation. The government is applying a multi-stakeholder approach to conduct this exercise and aims to identify key issues and bottlenecks and determine what additional assistance may be required to bridge the gaps in implementation.

Mr. President,

Before I conclude, let me also note that China has been an important development partner of Maldives, and our relationship is based on mutual respect for each other's sovereignty and territorial integrity. We therefore reiterate our firm commitment to the long-standing One-China policy. We are confident that under the principle of One Country, Two Systems, the Chinese people will continue to prosper and enjoy economic benefits and universally accepted fundamental freedoms.

Thank you, Mr. President.