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Thank you, Mr. President,

The Maldives warmly welcomes the delegation of Kingdom of Tonga to the adoption of the UPR Report and appreciates their commitment to the UPR process in the promotion and protection of human rights.

We are pleased to note that the Government of Tonga has accepted 110 recommendations, including the two recommendations made by the Maldives: to ratify the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment; and to increase the participation of women at all levels of social, political, and economic decision-making processes in the Government.

As a fellow Small Island Developing State, we wish the Government of Tonga every success in the implementation of the accepted recommendations and request the Council to adopt the UPR report by consensus.

I thank you, Mr. President.