



Permanent Mission of the Republic of Maldives
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**Statement to be delivered by
H.E. Ms. Iruthisham Adam, Ambassador/Permanent Representative of the
Republic of Maldives to the Report of the President on the UPR Review of Israel,
to the 23rd Session of the Human Rights Council
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Thank you Mr. President,

We thank you for your report on your interactions with the state-under-review. We also congratulate you for your leadership in guiding us through this issue.

The Universal Periodic Review is the most effective and respected human rights mechanism today. It is widely agreed that its popularity and effectiveness lies with its universality. It's effectiveness also lies within the very nature of the process, in which while being a cooperative and the member-state driven process with interactive dialogues, it also promotes equal treatment and a leveled-platform for all states in addressing human rights abuses.

The Maldives believes that this universal and cooperative nature of the UPR mechanism must be maintained as it is one of the greatest legacies of this Council. Hence, we are very pleased to know that the review of Israel will be scheduled on 29 October 2013 during the 17th Session of the UPR Working Group, as agreed by the 15th Session of UPR Working Group and 22nd Session of the HRC.

Mr. President,

Finally, the Maldives believe that honouring its international obligations, adherence to Conventions to which it is a party to and respecting global mechanisms in a cooperative and timely manner, are very basic steps towards promotion and protection of human rights.

I thank you.