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Thank you, Mr. President,

The Maldives welcomes the delegation of Australia to this review, and its engagement at the Council and the UPR

The Maldives notes that Australia had accepted our two recommendations made in its first review, but has made no efforts to implement them. Since the issue of climate change is not addressed in the National report, we would like to inquire from the delegation, whether any efforts have been made to address climate change, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions to safe levels?

The Maldives wishes to make the following recommendations:

1. Cease the detention of children in immigration detention centres
2. Immediately close the Nauru and Manus Island detention centres
3. Immediately halt mandatory detention of asylum seeker children
4. Take immediate measures to ensure that all children have same access to all levels of education and quality of health services
5. Take immediate measures to ensure that the indigenous people of Australia have access to health services and education, and to employment opportunities
6. Ensure all rights of asylum seekers are protected
7. Allow human rights organisations full access to detention centres

We wish the delegation success during this review.

Thank you Mr. President.