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**Statement by Mr. Javed Faizal, Counsellor
Permanent Mission of Maldives to the United Nations Offices in Geneva**

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Thank you Mr President,

Mr President,

The Maldives welcomes the delegation of Colombia, wishes to express its appreciation to the on-going commitment of Colombia to follow-up on the pledges made and recommendations agreed upon during the previous review.

The Maldives also takes this opportunity to thank Colombia for the significant progress on the domestic front on a number of important areas such as the rights of indigenous people, labour rights and for comprehensively addressing the issue of victims of armed conflict. We acknowledge that the security situation has improved remarkably over the past decade, and this in turn contributes heavily to the promotion and protection of human rights in Colombia.

We fully commend the level of cooperation extended by the delegation of Colombia, to the Council and its UPR mechanism. We call for the adoption of the report and wish them well in the implementation of these recommendations.



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I thank you.