**ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO MALDIVES (SECOND BATCH)**

**CANADA**

* The UN Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment released preliminary observations and recommendations after his visit to Maldives in November 2019. These suggest that there are ongoing challenges in Maldives, including conditions of detention and the protection of human rights defenders. Has the Government of Maldives identified or implemented measures to address these?
* Can Maldives provide an update on the steps taken to reduce violence and abuse against foreigners, notably migrant workers, and ensure that their rights are being upheld?
* What measures are being taken to educate and empower women and girls on sexual and gender-based violence and on the recourses available to them?

**PORTUGAL on behalf of the Group of Friends on NMIRF’s**

* Could the State-under-review describe its national mechanism or process responsible for coordinating the implementation of accepted UPR recommendations and the monitoring of progress and impact?
* Has the State-under-review established a dedicated ‘national mechanism for implementation, reporting and follow-up’ (NMIRF) covering UPR recommendations, but also recommendations/observations generated by the UN human rights Treaty Bodies, the Special Procedures and relevant regional mechanisms, which, *inter alia*, clusters all the above, manages them in national databases, coordinates implementation actions across government, monitors progress and impact, and then streamline reporting procedures back to the UN? If so, could the State-under-review briefly share its experience on creating such mechanism, including challenges faced and lessons learnt, as well as any plans or needs to strengthen the NMIRF in the future?