Mr President,

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Maldives in its capacity as a Member of the UN Women Executive Board. Let me also take this moment to voice our appreciation to you and the Bureau for organizing this important Pledging event.

Mr President,

The Maldives commends the achievements of the Executive Board during the year 2013, and takes note of the corporate evaluation plan for 2014 thru 2017. Despite being a young entity, UN Women is building upon its strong foundation for future endeavors. The documents put forth, will surely contribute to stronger and more cohesive operationalization of programs.

Mr President,

The Maldives has the honor to present a small but symbolic pledge illustrating the Maldives’ commitment to the values enshrined by this Entity. As a Small Island Developing State with inherent vulnerabilities and facing the growing effects of Climate Change, the Maldives faces challenges both in the lack of resources as well as capacity. However, with this pledge, the Maldives rededicates itself to the empowerment of women and girls and the better integration of UN Women programming.

Mr President,

We thank all other nations who do have the means and resources to support UN Women. Without adequate support, both financially and politically, entities like UN Women cannot wholly fulfill their mandates. And no mandate is as important as delivering social justice, and achieving equality for all.

Thank you, Mr President