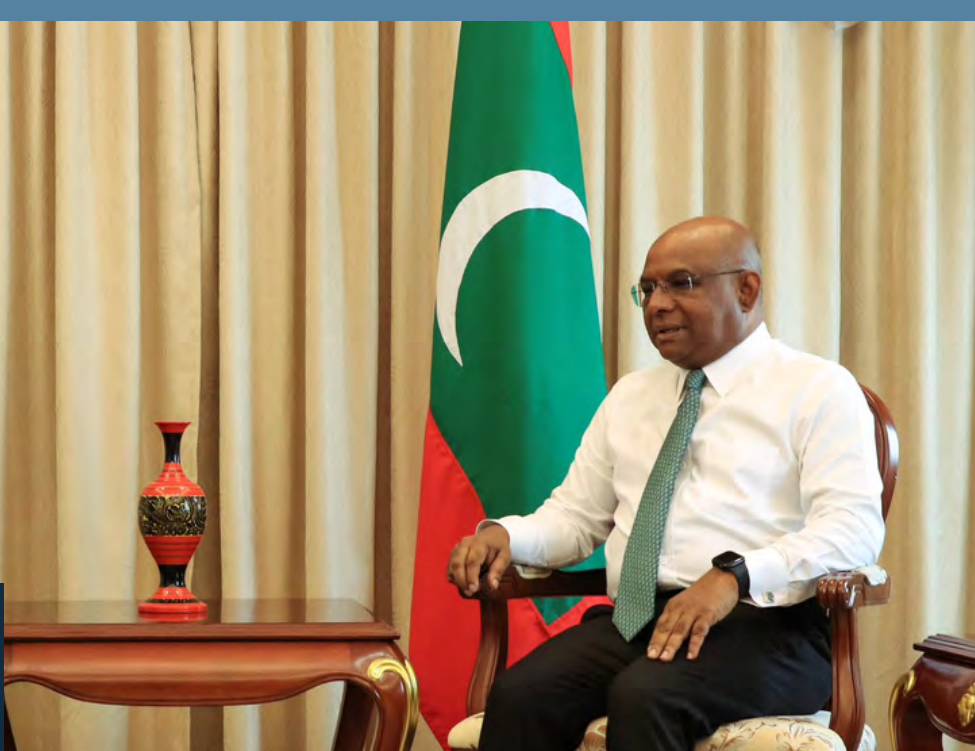


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MALDIVES AND CHINA SIGN KEY AGREEMENTS DURING OFFICIAL VISIT

Minister of Foreign Affairs His Excellency Abdulla Shahid and the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the Republic of Maldives Her Excellency Wang Lixin, witnessed the signing of key agreements on important areas such as infrastructure development and health on 2 April 2023.



- The agreements that were signed include MoU Between China International Development Cooperation Agency of the Government of the People's Republic of China and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Maldives on Development Cooperation Plan (2023-2025)",
- The following Letters of Exchange were also signed:
 1. Letters of Exchange on the Feasibility Study on Hospitals in Maldives signed on behalf of the Government by His Excellency Ahmed Adil, Minister of State for Health
 2. Letters of Exchange on Renovation of the Maldives National Museum signed on behalf of the Government by His Excellency Mohamed Thoriq, Minister of State for Arts, Culture and Heritage
 3. Letters of Exchange on the Maintenance of the China-Maldives Friendship Bridge signed on behalf of the Government by His Excellency Akram Kamaaluddin, Minister of State for National Planning and Infrastructure

Speaking at the Signing Ceremony that was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Minister Shahid reiterated the close relations the Maldives presently enjoys with China and thanked the Chinese Government for their kind contributions towards the socio-economic development of the Maldives



The agreements were signed during the visit of His Excellency Deng Boqing, Vice Chairman of the Chinese International Development Cooperation Agency (CIDCA) to the Maldives.

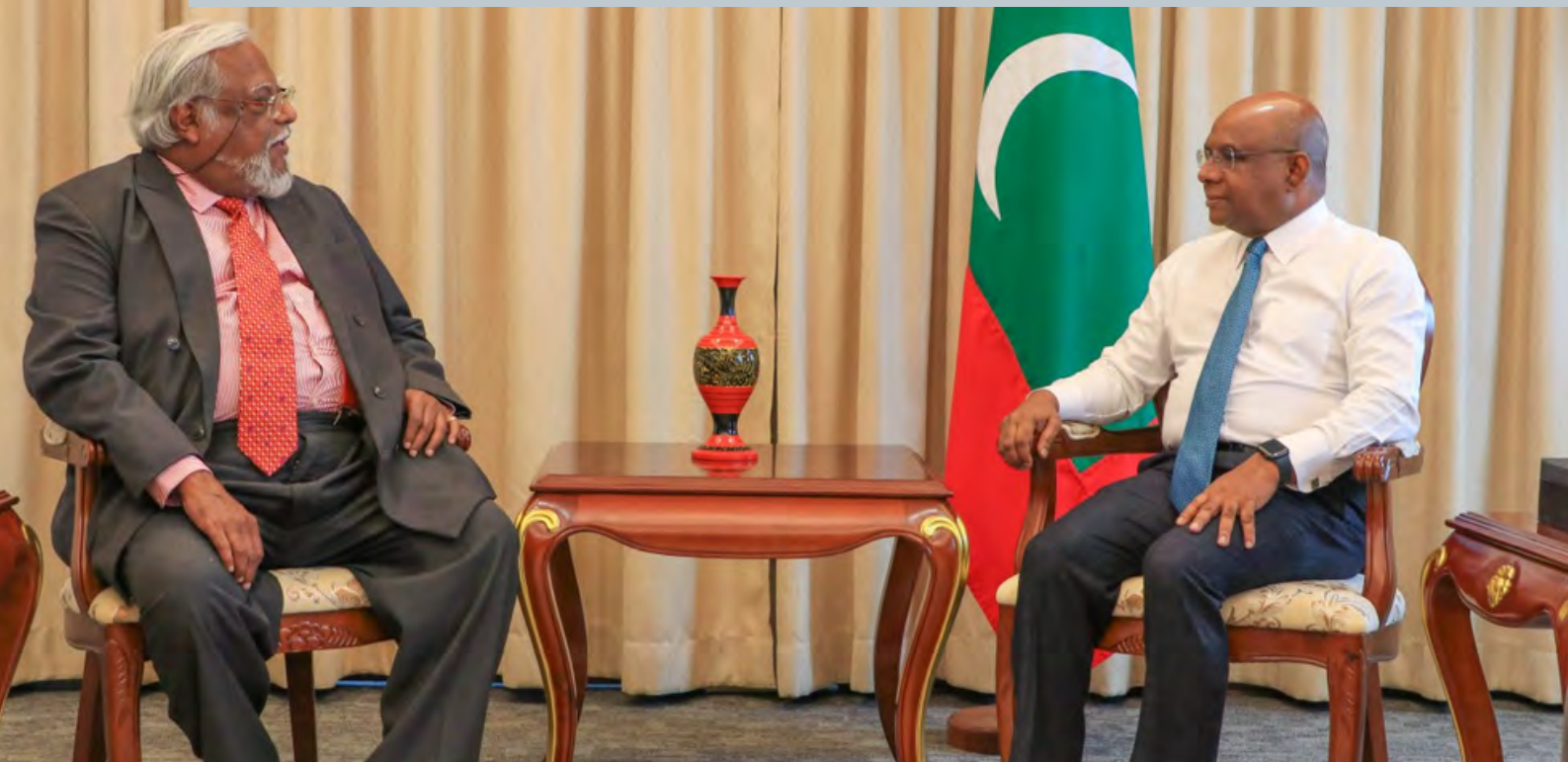
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PRESIDENTIAL ENVOY AND ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDENT OF SRI LANKA PAYS A COURTESY CALL ON THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON 5TH APRIL 2023



- Minister Shahid welcomed the Presidential Envoy to the Maldives and reflected on the long history of bilateral relations and the strong people to people ties between the Maldives and Sri Lanka. The Minister highlighted that Maldives and Sri Lanka have been crucial to each other's development in the past and will continue to support Sri Lanka in their efforts for economic revitalization.



- Minister Shahid and the Presidential Envoy reiterated the commitment of both Governments to continue working closely together, bilaterally and in the international fora, on issues of shared importance.

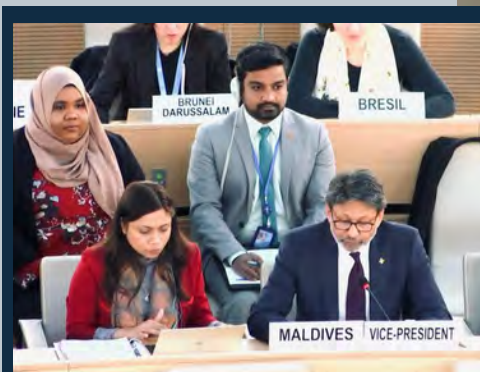
MALDIVES DELEGATION ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN THE 52ND SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

- The Minister of Foreign Affairs, His Excellency Mr. Abdulla Shahid participated in the High-Level Segment of the 52nd Session of the Human Rights Council and addressed the council on 27 February 2023.



The Delegation of Maldives delivered 29 national statements on an array of thematic areas of the Human Rights Council. The Maldives co-sponsored 19 resolutions, including mandate renewal for Special Rapporteur on minority issues, Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression, Special Rapporteur on human rights defenders.

The Maldives co-sponsored 33 joint statements delivered at the Council. This included statements by the Organization for Islamic Cooperation and the Non-Aligned Movement, among others.



The Maldives was part of the cross-regional core group that drafted a thematic resolution on the human right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment.

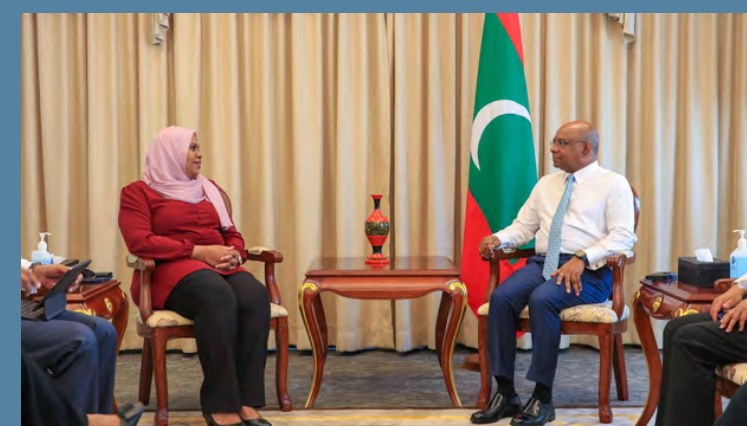
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MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MEETS THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION OF THE MALDIVES ON 10 APRIL 2023



- During the meeting, President of the Human Rights Commission Mariyam Muna briefed Minister Shahid on the work undertaken by the Commission over the past three years to improve the human rights situation in the Maldives. Both sides discussed the importance of promoting and protecting human rights at home and agreed to work closely together to effectively address shared interests and goals internationally. Minister Shahid also reaffirmed the Government's commitment to the values of human rights and democracy.



- Constituted under Chapter 7 of the Constitution of the Maldives 2008, the Human Rights Commission of the Maldives is the first independent and autonomous statutory body in the Maldives. The Human Rights Commission of the Maldives aims to champion human rights by promoting and protecting dignity, diversity and equality within the Maldives.

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JAPAN AND MALDIVES HOLDS 4TH ROUND OF POLICY DIALOGUE ON 4 APRIL 2023.



- The Dialogue focused on enhancing the already close relations between the two countries, especially through economic and development cooperation, in trade and investment, cultural exchanges, and in regional and maritime cooperation.

Key areas of focus during the dialogue included:

- Economic Cooperation
- Regional and International Issues
- People-to-People Exchanges



- The Maldivian delegation was led by His Excellency Mr. Ahmed Khaleel, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, and the Japanese Delegation was led by Mr. Arima Yutaka, Director-General, Southeast and Southwest Asian Department.
- The fourth round of the Maldives-Japan Policy Dialogue demonstrated the commitment of both nations to further enhance their bilateral relations and work together to address shared challenges.

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MALDIVES AND BURUNDI SIGN A VISA WAIVER AGREEMENT ON 26 APRIL 2023



- The Government of the Republic of Maldives and the Government of the Republic of Burundi signed the Agreement on Mutual Exemption of Visa Requirements, which allows for the exemption of visas for single or multiple entry, exit or transit for both countries' nationals, for a period of 30 days.



- The agreement was signed on behalf of the Government of Maldives by Her Excellency Thilmeeza Hussain, Permanent Representative of the Maldives to the United Nations, and on behalf of the Government of Burundi by His Excellency Zéphyrin Maniratanga, Permanent Representative of Burundi to the United Nations.
- Maldivians can now travel to 93 countries without requiring a prior visa.

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NON-RESIDENT AMBASSADOR OF MALDIVES TO RUSSIA PRESENTS CREDENTIALS TO THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION 12 APRIL 2023

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- Ambassador of the Republic of Maldives to the Federal Republic of Germany Her Excellency Aishath Shaan Shakir has presented her Letter of Credence, as the Non-Resident Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Maldives to the Russian Federation, at a ceremony held at the Embassy of Russia in Berlin on 12 April 2023.
- During the meeting that followed the Credential Ceremony, Ambassador Nechayev welcomed Ambassador Shaan and wished her success in undertaking her duties. Ambassador Shaan expressed her gratitude and conveyed personal greetings and warm felicitations from President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih to the President, the Government, and the people of Russia.

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The Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Maldives, H.E Ahmed Khaleel paid a courtesy call on the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea, H.E Park Jin on 1 April 2023

Foreign Secretary meets the Vice Chairman of China International Development Cooperation Agency (CIDCA)



On occasion of Zero Waste Day, Maldives highlighted national efforts towards effective waste management, and reiterated the importance of early conclusions of negotiations on the new legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, to achieve the goals on Zero waste.