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President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih inaugurates Honorary Consul Scholarship Programme

President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih inaugurated the Honorary Consuls Scholarship Programme on 19 April 2022. Under this landmark programme a total of 44 Scholarships from 7 Honorary Consuls will be offered in various fields and in line with the Presidential pledge to raise academic capacity, training and skills development. It includes opportunities to study in India, Thailand, Pakistan, Türkiye, Lebanon and Germany.



Foreign Minister Abdulla Shahid welcomed President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to inaugurate the Honorary Consuls Scholarship Programme.

At the inauguration ceremony held at Ministry of Foreign Affairs, President Solih in his remarks noted this new initiative will give renewed momentum in the ambitious development agenda of the Government of Maldives to pave way for Maldivian youth to pursue Higher Education across the globe.



President His Excellency Ibrahim Mohamed Solih inaugurates the Honorary Consuls Scholarship Programme



Foreign Minister Shahid thanked all the Honorary Consuls who joined the initiative and highlighted that these Scholarships will open new avenues for Maldivian youth to advance their education and gain experience through training opportunities. Minister Shahid also thanked Honorary Consuls for their active support in the socio-economic development of Maldives and expressed hope for more participation for the Programme in years to come.



Honorary Consul joined the Inauguration Ceremony Virtually

44 new Scholarships launched : offered by Mr. Sanan Angubolkul, Honorary Consul General of Maldives in Bangkok, Thailand, Dr. Joseph Vayalil George, Honorary Consul General of Maldives in Bengaluru, India, Mr. Mohamed Hussain Fakih, Honorary Consul General of Maldives in Beirut, Lebanon, Mr. Zafar A. Tapal, Honorary Consul General of Maldives in Karachi, Pakistan, Mr. Halil Ibrahim Bacaci, Honorary Consul General of Maldives in Istanbul, Turkey, Mr. Andreas Peter Witte, Honorary Consul of Maldives in Länder Bayern, Germany and Mr. Muhammad Yawar Irfan Khan, Honorary Consul of Maldives in Lahore, Pakistan.

During the closing remarks delivered by Secretary, Multilateral Dr. Hala Hameed, she mentioned that Foreign Ministry will continue to expand the programme bringing forth more scholarships for Maldivian students through the generous assistance of Honorary Consuls and thanked President Solih, Foreign Minister Shahid, and Higher Education Minister for the commitment in taking forward this initiative.

MoUs signed between the Maldives and India to implement seven projects under High Impact Community Development scheme

The signing ceremony of seven Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Maldives and Government of India took place at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 18 April 2022. These MoUs will be implemented under Indian grant assistance scheme for High Impact Community Development Project through local bodies (HICDP).



The MoUs were signed by the Foreign Minister Abdulla Shahid on behalf of the Government of Maldives and the High Commissioner of India, Munu Mahawar, on behalf of the Government of India, and the respective implementing agencies.

Speaking at the ceremony, Foreign Minister Shahid noted that the projects launched under the MoUs will strengthen Government's efforts in fostering socio-economic development in local communities by promoting health and wellbeing, empowerment of youth and preservation and protection of culture and heritage.



The overarching Memorandum of Understanding on Indian Grant Assistance

for Implementation of High Impact Community Development Projects through local bodies, was initially signed between the Governments of the Maldives and India on 17 March 2019 for a total grant of 85 million Rufiyaa and renewed with an increment up to 155 million Rufiyaa (equivalent to approximately 10 million USD), on 23 July 2021. The announcement to undertake seven new projects for implementation under this scheme, was made during the Official Visit of Minister of External Affairs of India, Dr. S. Jaishankar to Addu City in March 2022.

Maldives and China Sign Certificate of Assistance for Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Maldives and China signed the Certificate of Assistance on 27 April 2022, allocating a sum of USD 310,000 to the Maldives Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The assistance was initially announced in January 2022 during the official visit to the Maldives by His Excellency Wang Yi, State Councilor and Minister of Foreign Affairs of China, to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of diplomatic relations between the two countries. His Excellency Ahmed Khaleel, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs signed the Certificate on behalf of the Maldives, while Her Excellency Ms. Wang Lixin, signed on behalf of the People's Republic of China.



The assistance, will be used to complete certain aspects of the Foreign Ministry Building renovation programme, and will also be used for training and capacity building purposes. With the assistance of

the Chinese Government, the Foreign Ministry Building was completed in 2006. Under the initiative to renovate the Foreign Ministry Building which commenced in 2019, China has continued to extend its support. The Foreign Ministry Building was formally inaugurated by President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih last year.

New High Commissioner of Bangladesh to Maldives Calls on Minister of Foreign Affairs

High Commissioner of Bangladesh Rear Admiral S M Abul Kalam Azad, NGP, ndc, psc, paid a courtesy call on Minister of Foreign Affairs, Abdulla Shahid on 18 April 2022.



During the meeting held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Minister Shahid congratulated the High Commissioner on presenting his credentials to President Solih, and expressed confidence that the relations between the two countries will be further enhanced during his tenure.

Minister Shahid acknowledged the time-tested close relations between Maldives and Bangladesh, and expressed his gratitude to the Government of Bangladesh for the numerous contributions towards the development of Maldives. Minister Shahid in particular noted the generous assistance extended by Bangladesh to Maldives in combatting COVID-19 and the valuable contributions made by Bangladeshi workers in the socio-economic sector.

Recalling the many high-level visits exchanged between the two countries last

year, Minister Shahid noted that the bilateral relations between the two countries have reached unprecedented levels.

Mr. Prabhat Kumar, Additional Secretary of Ministry of External Affairs of India, calls on Minister of State for Foreign Affairs

Additional Secretary of Ministry of External Affairs of India, Mr. Prabhat Kumar paid a courtesy call on Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Ahmed Khaleel on 27 April 2022. The meeting was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



State Minister Khaleel welcomed Additional Secretary Mr. Prabhat Kumar and his delegation to the Maldives. At the meeting, progress of the many development projects being implemented in the Maldives under the Indian grant and loan schemes was discussed. The discussion also focused on avenues to further intensify development cooperation and enhance Maldives-India partnership.

Mr. Prabhat Kumar, Additional Secretary is in charge of the Development Partnership Administration Divisions that cover Line of Credit projects, capacity building, large grant projects at the Ministry of External Affairs of India.

Non-Resident Ambassador of Maldives to Cambodia presents Credentials to the King of Cambodia

The Non-Resident Ambassador of Republic of Maldives to the Kingdom of Cambodia, His Excellency Mohamed Jinah presented his Letter of Credence to His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boromneath Norodom Sihamoni, King of Cambodia, at a ceremony held at the Royal Palace of Cambodia, Phnom Penh on 26 April 2022.



During the courtesy call following the Credential Ceremony, Ambassador Jinah conveyed greetings from His Excellency President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih and the people of Maldives to His Majesty, the King and People of Cambodia. Ambassador Jinah further expressed the commitment of the Maldives to work closely with the Cambodian Government with a renewed focus in enhancing bilateral relationship, also focusing in the areas of promoting tourism, trade and other areas of mutual interest. His Majesty, the King congratulated Ambassador Jinah on assumption of his duties as Non-Resident Ambassador of Maldives to Cambodia.



His Excellency Mohamed Jinah, Non-Resident Ambassador of Maldives during the courtesy call on His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boromneath Norodom Sihamoni, King of Cambodia.

Maldives presents resolution to strengthen the Voluntary Technical Assistance Trust Fund for Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States

The Maldives as the co-pen holder together with Mauritius, presented the resolution at the 49th Session of the Human Rights Council entitled Strengthening the Voluntary Technical Assistance Trust Fund to Support the Participation of Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States in the Work of the Human Rights Council. The work on this resolution was initiated in 2022 by a Core Group consisting of Maldives, Mauritius, Barbados, Burkina Faso, Djibouti, Marshall Islands, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Senegal, Singapore, Switzerland, and Türkiye.

The Maldives introduced the resolution at the Human Rights Council on behalf of the core group. The resolution was adopted by consensus and made history with a record number of cosponsors. The resolution enjoyed co-sponsorship by more than 168 States, making it the most sponsored Human Rights Council resolution to date. This unprecedented level of support is clear evidence of widespread, global recognition of the value of universality, inclusivity, and diversity of the multilateral systems.



Permanent Representative of Maldives to the United Nations Offices in Geneva His Excellency Dr. Asim Ahmed on behalf of a cross regional core group, introduced the draft resolution L3 on Strengthening the Voluntary Technical Assistance Trust Fund to Support the Participation of LDCs and SIDS in the work of HRC. The Maldives thanked the donors of the Trust Fund for their valuable contribution and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights for their support in implementing the activities of the Fund over the years

The adoption of this resolution is a landmark victory for the foreign policy of

the Maldives. It reflects a global recognition of the importance of the perspectives of Small Island Developing States like the Maldives at multilateral fora and further strengthens the role played by the Maldives as a champion for the voiceless and underrepresented at the Human Rights Council.

Foreign Secretary Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed represents the Maldives at the High-Level Meeting on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda

Foreign Secretary Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed represented the Maldives at the High-Level Meeting on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda which was held in New York on 28 April 2022. During the statement delivered at the High-Level Meeting, Foreign Secretary Ghafoor stated that the meeting comes at an opportune time, when the vital role cities play has become even more apparent.



Foreign Secretary furthermore emphasized women's inclusion and participation are fundamental to the efforts to build durable and peaceful societies, including in the urban context. In addition, Foreign Secretary stated that COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated both, the vulnerabilities of, as well as the possibilities for our cities, and it is imperative that we take a thoughtful approach to implement the New Urban Agenda in each of different contexts, to ensure alignment with the broader SDGs.



Foreign Secretary Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed delivered his statement at the High-Level Meeting on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda

The High Level meeting focused on four key areas of action that have been identified in the reports on progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda submitted by Member States, the United Nations system, and by diverse partner networks for the preparation of the Quadrennial report of the Secretary-General: The High-Level Meeting focused on four key areas of ;

- 1- Ending poverty and fighting inequalities, with a focus on affordable housing and access to basic services.
- 2- Boosting equitable and sustainable urban economies and predictable financing of sustainable urban development through innovative approaches.
- 3- Decoupling urbanization from environmental pollution and linking communities to data and finance to strengthen climate adaptation and resilience.
- 4- Promoting participatory urban planning approaches for effective and inclusive urban crisis response and prevention.

Maldives condemns the storming of the Al-Aqsa Mosque by Israeli Forces

The Government of Maldives issued a statement on 16 April condemning the storming of the Al-Aqsa Mosque by Israeli forces, attacking and arresting unarmed Palestinian worshippers, during this holy month of Ramadan.

The actions of Israel in the Al-Aqsa Mosque and Occupied Palestinian Territories, is a clear violation of international law and the relevant UN Security Council and General Assembly resolutions. Such actions also undermine all efforts to achieve peace and stability in the region.

A lasting peaceful resolution of the conflict can only be realized through a two-state solution, with an independent and sovereign State of Palestine, based on the 1967 borders with East Jerusalem as its capital.

At United Nations Security Council Open Debate on the Situation in the Middle East, held in New York on 27 April, Maldives expressed deep concerns over the recent escalations of religious tensions in the Al-Aqsa Mosque site and called for immediate de-escalation and maintenance of the historical status quo in the Old City of Jerusalem.



Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Maldives to the United Nations Ibrahim Zuhree delivered the statement during the United Nations Security Council Open Debate on the Situation in the Middle East held on 27 April 2022

Maldives and São Tomé and Príncipe establish diplomatic relations

The Republic of Maldives and the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe formally established diplomatic relations on 5 April 2022.

The Joint Communiqué formalising diplomatic relations between the two countries was signed on behalf of the Government of Maldives by Her Excellency Thilmeeza Hussain, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Maldives

to the United Nations and on behalf of the Government of São Tomé and Príncipe by Mr. Alcínio Cravid e Silva, Chargé d'Affaires a.i./Deputy Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe to the United Nations.



Permanent Representative of Maldives to the United Nations and Chargé d'Affaires a.i./Deputy Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe to the United Nations signed the Joint Communiqué formalising diplomatic relations

As comparatively small nations in the international arena, the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Maldives and São Tomé and Príncipe marks a historic opening for cooperation connecting the peoples of the two countries in all areas of mutual interest.



The Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe is the 180th country to establish diplomatic relations with the Maldives.

Quick Facts

Capital: Sao Tome

Population (July 2017): 201,025

Principal languages: Portuguese (98.4%), Others

Religions: Catholic 55.7% and others

Ethnic Groups: mestico, angolares , forros, servicaais etc

São Tomé and Príncipe, an African island nation close to the equator, is part of a volcano chain featuring striking rock and coral formations, rainforests and beaches.

High Commissioner Dr. Farah awarded Diplomat of the year wfor Asia and Oceania Award

High Commissioner of Maldives to the United Kingdom Dr. Farahanaz Faizal was awarded the Diplomat of the Year from Asia and Oceania Award. High Commissioner Dr. Farah was conferred this award at the IHG Diplomat Magazine 2022 Awards Ceremony held on 26 April 2022.



The Diplomat award is currently in its 12th year, and celebrates outstanding work and achievements of the diplomatic community in London.



High Commissioner Dr. Farah delivering remarks at the IHG Diplomat Magazine 2022 Award Ceremony held in the Ballroom of the Baltimore, Mayfair.

FOSIM holds Training Session on negotiating techniques and Protocols to follow when signing agreements

The Foreign Service Institute of Maldives (FOSIM) held a training session on negotiation techniques and protocols to follow when signing agreements, on 13 April 2022.



The interactive session focused on further enhancing knowledge of participants on techniques to follow during the process of negotiating agreements and the proper protocols to follow during the signing process of agreements. The session included a video presentation and a practical demonstration of the signing process of an agreement. The session was conducted to officials from Ministry of Finance, Ministry of National Planning, Housing and Infrastructure and Maldives Police Service.



The session was conducted as part of FOSIM's stakeholder Awareness Programme, which is an ongoing programme designed to share knowledge and experience, and build expertise on various subject areas targeted to relevant Government Ministries. The session was conducted by senior officials of the Ministry including Chief of Protocol Aishath Shaan Shakir, Additional Secretary Ahmed Shiaan and Legal Counsel, Uz. Mohamed Aseel Hassan.

FOSIM holds Briefing Session on the 49th Session of the UN Rights Council held in Geneva from 28 February – 1 April 2022

The Foreign Service Institute of Maldives (FOSIM) held a briefing session on the recently concluded 49th Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council which was held in Geneva from 28 February to 1 April 2022.



During the briefing held, Ministry and missions' staff abroad were briefed on Maldives priorities set out at the 49th Human Rights Council Session and key engagements by Maldives delegation

during the session. The briefing also highlighted on key areas focused by Maldives delegation when delivering national statements on behalf of the Government, the resolutions Maldives co-sponsored and joint statements and side-line events that the Maldives delegation engaged during the session.



The session was conducted as part of FOSIM briefing sessions which provides a platform for Ministry and Missions staff to engage in dialogue, discussion and debate on important topics. The session was conducted by senior officials of the Ministry including Permanent Representative of Maldives to the United Nations Offices at Geneva His Excellency Dr. Asim Ahmed, Additional Secretary, Ahmed Shiaan, and Director General Mariyam Reesha.

*Highlights of engagements by
the President of the United
Nations General Assembly
His Excellency Abdulla Shahid
In April 2022*

**President of the General Assembly
Abdulla Shahid's Official visit to
Palau**

The President of the UN General Assembly, His Excellency Abdulla Shahid, undertook an official visit to the Republic of Palau from 12-15 April 2022, to stand in solidarity with Small Island Developing States (SIDS) on issues of climate change and sustainable development.

The President's visit is timed with the 7th Our Ocean Conference, hosted by His Excellency Surangel S. Whipps, Jr., the President of the Republic of Palau, and by John Kerry, the Special Presidential Envoy for Climate in the United States of America.

President of the UN General Assembly addressed the Conference, which this year is focusing on the theme, "Our Ocean, Our People, Our Prosperity." This is the first year that the Conference is being hosted by a Small Island Developing State.



President of the General Assembly addressing the Our Ocean Conference in Palau urged the international community to expand protected areas of the ocean, support the scientific community and tackle plastic pollution.

During his statement delivered at the Our Ocean Conference President of the UN General Assembly Abdulla Shahid, cited the following four main areas of conservation and sustainable use of the ocean and seas.

More Protection- President of the UN General Assembly called for an expansion of protected areas

More data and information – President of the UN General Assembly called for investment in solid, reliable, and accessible ocean science data and information which could be used to inform policies and programmes.

Warming Planet means a warming ocean- President of the UN General Assembly stressed the importance of recognizing and addressing the threats facing the ocean.

Microplastics and Marine Pollution – President of the UN General Assembly emphasized tackling plastic pollution.



President of the UN General Assembly His Excellency Abdulla Shahid called on the President of Palau His Excellency Surangel Whipps, Jr. and congratulated on hosting a very successful Our Ocean Conference



President of the UN General Assembly His Excellency Abdulla Shahid met with Tonga's Prime Minister Hu'akavameiliku Siaosi Sovaleni during his visit to Palau. Discussed the recent volcanic eruption and tsunami in the South Pacific that caused extensive damage in Tonga

The President of the UN General Assembly Presided over the General Assembly meeting regarding Liechtenstein's Veto Initiative

On 26 April 2022 the President of the UN General Assembly, Abdulla Shahid Presided over the General Assembly meeting that took action on Liechtenstein's Veto Initiative draft resolution which mandates a meeting of the General Assembly whenever a veto is cast in the Security Council.



President of the General Assembly Abdulla Shahid presided over General Assembly meeting which adopted the resolution on Veto Initiative

This initiative is to ensure that when the Security Council reaches a dead end on acting in a crisis through using the veto, that those responsible for blocking progress are held to account in the Assembly. The resolution 76/262, cosponsored by 83 Member States, was adopted by consensus.

High-Level Meeting on Peacebuilding Financing

President of the General Assembly His Excellency Abdulla Shahid delivered his opening remarks for a High-Level meeting on Peace Building Financing held on 27 April 2022.



President of the General Assembly delivering his remarks at the High Level meeting on Peacebuilding financing where he stated that the root causes of conflicts and crises – exclusion, inequality, discrimination, poverty and violations of human rights – need to be comprehensively addressed if we are to maintain any semblance of peace and security, or to sustain long-term development efforts.

During the opening remarks delivered by President of the General Assembly, he stated that Peacebuilding must be seen as a tool to help address challenges such as cross-border dynamics, climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic, and it can and should be woven into our responses. However, as it stands, only a small part of global security and development resources are invested in peacebuilding. It remains woefully underfunded and under resourced. The remarks were concluded with a reminder to Member States that that peacebuilding is primarily a national challenge and responsibility.

40th anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

On 29 April 2022 the President of the General Assembly presided over the 40th anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. This lays down a comprehensive regime of law and order in the world's oceans and seas establishing rules governing all uses of the oceans and their resources and was adopted in 1982.

During the remarks delivered by the President of the General Assembly the fundamental role in the development of international law not only for the sustainable development of oceans and seas but also for promotion of peace, security and friendly ties among all nations was highlighted. To conclude the remarks the

President of the General Assembly called upon all Member States to renew the unwavering commitment, support and advocacy to protect and promote our ocean and continue to work together for more years of success.

President of the General Assembly deliver sermon and leads Friday Prayers at the United Nations

On 30 April 2022 the President of the General Assembly His Excellency Abdulla Shahid delivered the sermon and lead Friday prayers today at the United Nations.



President of the General Assembly delivers sermon at the Friday Prayer held at the United Nations

In the sermon the President of the General Assembly highlighted the message to have respect for our common humanity and each other, the importance of mercy and compassion, learning from the life and actions of Prophet Mohamed (SAW).



The President of the General Assembly His Excellency Abdulla Shahid leading Friday prayers on 30 April 2022 at the United Nations.

Regular Meetings with Heads of Government, Foreign Ministers, UN Permanent Representatives in New York

President of the General Assembly's regular meetings with Heads of Government, Foreign Ministers, the

Permanent Representatives, and Heads of International Organisations continued in April.



President of the General Assembly His Excellency Abdulla Shahid met the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Iceland Her Excellency Ms. Thórdís Kolbrún Reykjaförð Gylfadóttir, discussed the situation in Ukraine, the role played by the GA, the impact of the war and inevitability of the multilateral system and role of the UN in returning to dialogue and peace.



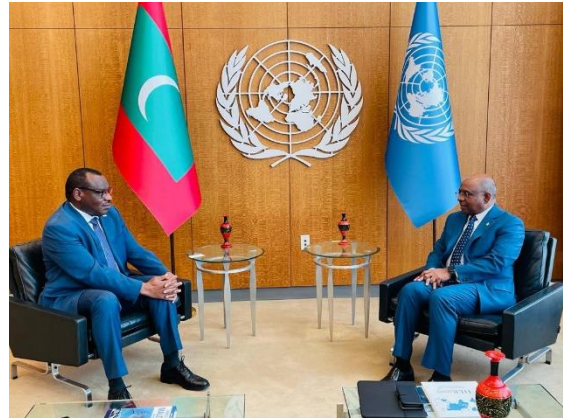
President of the General Assembly His Excellency Abdulla Shahid met Permanent Representative of Finland to the UN His Excellency Jukka Salovaara, who has completed his tenure in New York and will be returning to Helsinki to take over as Permanent Secretary of the Finnish Foreign Ministry



President of the General Assembly His Excellency Abdulla Shahid met with Ambassador Her Excellency Michelle Sison, US Asst Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs. Discussed ongoing conflict in Ukraine and its worldwide fallout



President of the General Assembly His Excellency Abdulla Shahid met with the Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the UN His Excellency, Christian Wenawesar, discussed the veto initiative resolution tabled which mandates a meeting of the GA whenever a veto is cast in the Security Council.



President of the UN General Assembly His Excellency Abdulla Shahid met with the Permanent Representative of Rwanda to the UN His Excellency Claver Gatete, discussed the preparations for the upcoming Commonwealth Heads of Meeting in Kigali



President of the UN General Assembly met with the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary His Excellency Mr. P  ter SZIJ  RT  . Discussed the Ukraine situation, the ongoing humanitarian crisis, and the energy situation in Europe.



President of the UN General Assembly His Excellency Abdulla Shahid met with the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations, His Excellency, Ambassador Pedro Luis Pedrosa Cuesta. Discussed a range of issues including the calendar of mandated & other upcoming high-level events of the General Assembly.



President of the UN General Assembly His Excellency Abdulla Shahid met with Slovakia's Deputy Prime Minister & Minister for Investments, Regional Development & Informatization, Her Excellency Ms. Veronika Remi  ov  , and discussed the ongoing conflict in Ukraine; the role of the UN, particularly the General Assembly; multilateralism;



President of the UN General Assembly His Excellency Abdulla Shahid met with the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations, Her Excellency Ambassador Rabab Fathima and with the Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations, His Excellency Ambassador Olivier Maes. Discussed the road map and updates on the negotiations of the International Migration Review Forum Progress Declaration.



President of the UN General Assembly His Excellency Abdulla Shahid met with the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Jamaica, Honourable Kamina J. Smith discussed AIDS issues & perspectives that AIDS can bring to multilateralism, Gender, HOPE Fellowship & other initiatives



President of the UN General Assembly His Excellency Abdulla Shahid met with the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations, His Excellency Ambassador Maurizio Massari. Discussed a range of issues including Our Common Agenda and its implementation as well as Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council reforms.



President of the UN General Assembly His Excellency Abdulla Shahid met with Mr. Nikhil Seth, Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training & Research. Discussed the OPGA-UNITAR cooperation in launching the HOPE Fellowship Program.

President of the UN General Assembly His Excellency Abdulla Shahid met with the Permanent Representative of Slovakia to the United Nations His Excellency Ambassador Dr. Michal Mlynár. Discussed the upcoming High-Level Meeting on New Urban Agenda, the situation of Ukrainian refugees in Slovakia, Our Common Agenda and the recommendations pertaining to youth in the report.



President of the UN General Assembly His Excellency Abdulla Shahid met with the Permanent Representative of Saint Lucia to the United Nations, Her Excellency Ms. Menissa Marcelle Rambally. Discussed SIDS priority issues at the UN, the Multidimensional Vulnerability Index & upcoming high-level events.



President of the UN General Assembly His Excellency Abdulla Shahid met with His Excellency Mr. Mohammad Ziauddin, Ambassador-at-Large of the Hon. Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of Bangladesh. Discussed the upcoming HLM on Peacebuilding Financing and the need for predictable, adequate and sustained financing.



President of the UN General Assembly His Excellency Abdulla Shahid met with Special Representative of the Secretary-General for The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction Ms. Mami Mizutori and receive a copy of the Global Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction 2022.



President of the UN General Assembly His Excellency Abdulla Shahid met with the Permanent Representative of Côte d'Ivoire to the United Nations His Excellency Ambassador Kacou Houadja Léon Adom. Discussed preparations for the 15th session of the Conference of the Parties of the The United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.



President of the UN General Assembly His Excellency Abdulla Shahid met with a group of Indigenous Women who continue to face challenges to the full enjoyment of their human rights.



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