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Visit of Minister of State for External Affairs, Shri M J Akbar to the Republic of Maldives

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Minister of State for External Affairs Shri M.J. Akbar visited Maldives from February 21-22, 2017 as a Special Envoy of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. During the visit, Shri Akbar called on H.E. Mr. Abdulla Yameen Abdul Gayoom, the President of Republic of Maldives and also had a separate meeting with the Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr. Mohamed Asim, who hosted an official luncheon in his honour.

The visit of Minister Akbar was in keeping with the tradition of close political consultations and exchanges between India and Maldives. The Minister conveyed Prime Minister Modi's personal greetings to the President of Maldives and reiterated India's support for a stable, democratic, peaceful and prosperous Maldives fulfilling the aspirations of its citizens.

During the meetings, both sides reviewed the entire gamut of bilateral relations and agreed to impart fresh momentum for further deepening mutually beneficial cooperation across a wide spectrum. The discussions focussed on areas of defence and security, counter-terrorism and economic ties including substantial investment in the tourism sector in Maldives. There was also discussion on developmental partnership, capacity building, youth and cultural exchange.

President Yameen conveyed his appreciation for the consistent support of India and reiterated the high priority attached by his Government to India in keeping with their "India First" policy.

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