



# MALDIVES

## Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development

### Intervention by

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Distinguished Chairperson, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Maldives delegation would like to express our appreciation to UNESCAP for organizing the Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development, at such an opportune moment.

No doubt, the post-2015 development agenda and the sustainable development goals will have major implications for the way development is pursued at the national, regional and international levels. At the same time, the success in that regard will depend in no small part on the ability of the UN system to mainstream the three dimensions; economic, social and environmental in its work.

We have been facing formidable economic, social and environmental challenges and threats. We need to address existing vulnerabilities to make our societies ready to face these challenges. This is why we believe that resilience building should underpin the post-2015 development agenda. A dialogue on resilient development in the context of the three dimensions of sustainable development would be a great added value to our exercise.

Mr Chairperson,

The High Level Political Forum will be crucial for promoting and reviewing the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda and the sustainable development goals. It must offer guidance on how to move from global commitments to national implementation and sustainable development results. We therefore see a critical role for the High Level Political Forum. The HLPF must monitor and review the targets and

indicators periodically, to ensure the success of the Sustainable Development Goals.

We believe that a discussion on how the UN support system could become more responsive to the needs of special groups of developing countries to ensure a coherent and coordinated approach will be helpful as we move to implement the Agenda. The need for integrated support and coordination derives from the particular character of the post-2015 development agenda. It gives long overdue recognition to the importance of economic and environmental issues in addressing poverty eradication and sustainable development.

Mr Chairperson,

We cannot reiterate enough the important role of means of implementation plays in order to realize our very ambitious agenda. Without adequate, sufficient, timely and predictable means of implementation, our Agenda will just remain a wish-list. In our view, the Post-2015 development process, the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD), and the 2015 agreement we are negotiating under the UNFCCC, should complement each other, while respecting their separate and specific mandates.

Let me end by assuring my delegation's full support to the work ahead.

Thank you