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Local EU statement on presidential elections and transition in the Maldives

The European Union Delegation to the Maldives issues the following statement in agreement with the EU Heads of Missions accredited to the Maldives:

The EU Heads of Mission (HoMs) accredited to Maldives visited Malé on 13-15 May to meet with the President, Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Economic Development and Finance and Treasury as well as other Government officials, the Elections Commission, political parties and civil society. They reiterated their strong support to the democratic transition and stressed the importance of peaceful, credible, transparent, and inclusive presidential elections.

The EU encourages all parties to act responsibly and to work together. It is essential to ensure that the outcome of these elections fully reflects the wishes of the Maldivian people, in order to safeguard the Maldives' democratic institutions and to enable its next government to confront the serious political, institutional, economic, social and environmental challenges in the country. The EU has extended its full support in helping Maldives to achieve these aims.

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