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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Minister of Environment and Energy Honourable Mr. Thoriq Ibrahimī's Statement  
in response to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)  
Working Group 2 Report on Climate Change, published on 31 March 2014**

The Maldives welcomes the report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) titled “Climate Change 2014: Impacts, Adaptation, and Vulnerability.” For 27 years, the Republic of Maldives has been making clarion calls of the ever growing impacts of climate change.

The Maldives continues to express grave concerns about climate change; it possesses the most serious threat to our territorial integrity, viability and survival, and thus undermines our efforts to achieve sustainable development.

While science is clear and more certain than ever we recognize the impacts of climate change are present and felt across the whole spectrum of our society.

The accelerated coastal erosion, water shortages, high emergencies of flooding is clear evidence that we are at the forefront of climate change.

The Maldives is committed to continue its work on achieving low carbon development, increase resiliency and strengthen collaboration with our partners in addressing the effects of climate change.

The UN report proves the need for bold and urgent action. Our leaders should demonstrate their commitment to the well-being of humanity. The world cannot afford further delay and inaction.

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