



**Statement by
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Bismillāhir-Raḥmānir-Raḥīm.

Your Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

We gather here with a shared commitment: to ensure that the gravest crimes known to humanity—genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and the crime of aggression, never go unnoticed or and never go unpunished.

These heinous acts remain among the most pressing global challenges of our time.

As a state party to the Rome Statute since 2011, the Maldives reaffirms its recognition of the role International Criminal Court's (ICC) vital role in upholding international rule of law across jurisdictions, and its complementarity to domestic criminal justice systems.

The Maldives also recognises the role of the ICC in delivering justice and accountability for crimes against humanity, genocide and war crimes.



Central to this mission is ensuring that victims of these crimes are heard, their suffering acknowledged, and their rights to justice and reparations fully realized. The ICC's work must always remain grounded in the experiences and needs of those who have endured unimaginable atrocities.

Further, the Maldives recognizes the vital role of the Trust Fund for Victims in providing reparations and assistance to victims and their families, and we encourage continued support for this essential mechanism.

This aligns fully with the Maldives' commitment to uphold international law, respect human rights, and maintain peace and security.

As a Small Island Developing State, the Maldives understands too well, the need for a multilateral system that guarantees the territorial integrity and sovereignty of all States regardless of their size and might. Just as we advocate for accountability in addressing existential threats to small states, including those posed by climate change and rising seas, we recognise that international justice mechanisms are essential to ensure that no nation or people, however small or vulnerable, is left without recourse against grave injustices.

In this respect, the Government of Maldives reaffirms its unwavering support for the Palestinian people and calls upon the international community to act urgently and decisively to end the ongoing atrocities and to ensure full and immediate adherence to the ceasefire agreement.

We hold steadfast to our assertion that a lasting peace can only be achieved through the securement of a Palestinian state based on the pre-1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital.

The Maldives fully supports the International Criminal Court in its efforts to investigate alleged crimes committed against the Palestinian people.

We also reiterate our commitment to uphold and defend the principles and values enshrined in the Rome Statute and to preserve its integrity from any political interference and pressure against the Court, its officials and those cooperating with it.

We renew our resolve to stand united against impunity.



The Maldives looks forward to further strengthen its relationship with ICC.

I thank you.
