

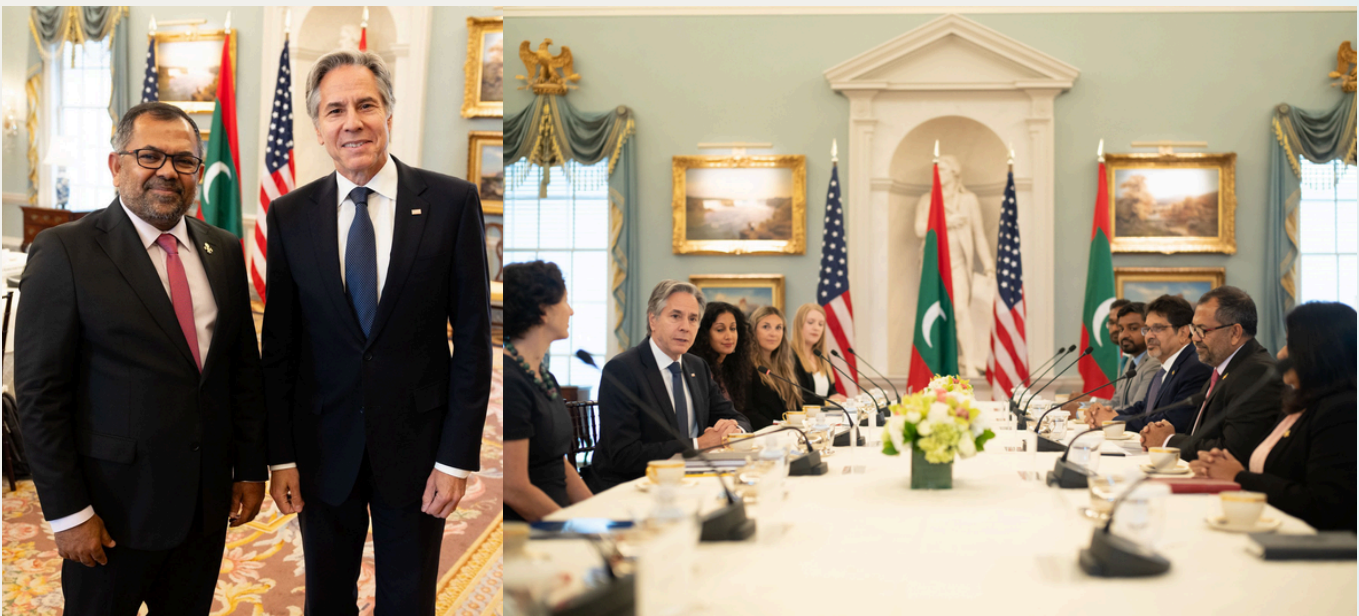


EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES
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Key Highlights

Minister Zameer meets with U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken During Official Visit to Washington, D.C.



25 June 2024, Washington, D.C.; Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Maldives, Moosa Zameer, met with U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken. Their discussions focused on strengthening the relationship between the Maldives and the United States. Key topics included defense and security cooperation, the promotion and enhancement of democratic values, a shared commitment to economic growth, and strategies for adapting to climate change.

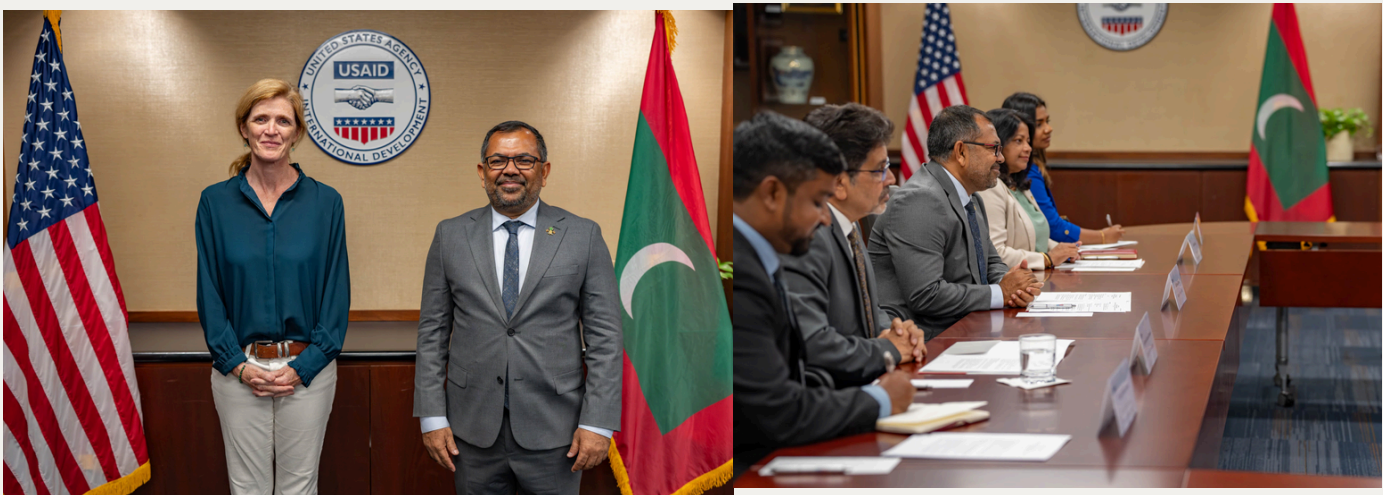
Secretary Blinken congratulated the Maldives on the successful Presidential and Parliamentary elections and recognized the country's leadership in international forums on combating climate change and promoting environmental sustainability.

During the meeting, Minister Zameer acknowledged the importance of the educational opportunities offered by the United States and noted that easier visa facilitation services for Maldivians would promote people-to-people contact paving the way to promote cultural exchange, tourism, and business ties between the two countries.



Minister Zameer was accompanied by Ambassador of Maldives to the United States of America, Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed, Secretary, Bilateral, Dr Hala Hameed, Senior Undersecretary, Hassan Hussain Shihab, Counsellor, Zeena Didi and Second Secretary, Ibrahim Haail.

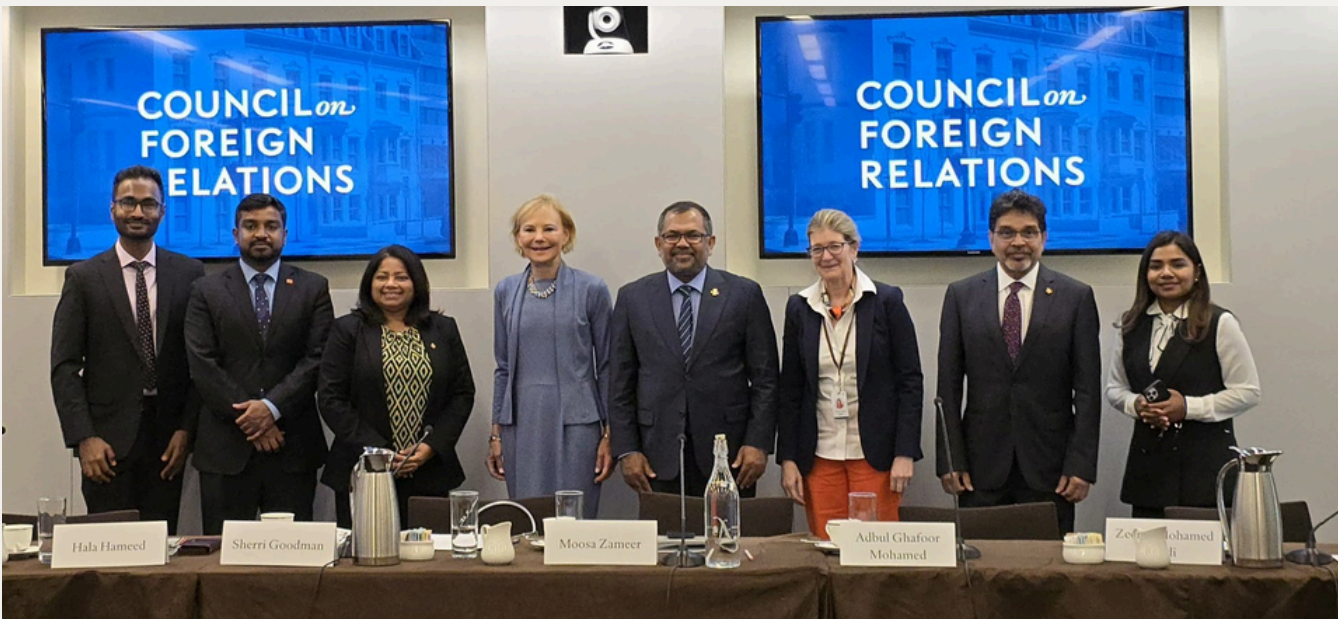
Minister Zameer and USAID Administrator Samantha Power Discuss Strengthening Maldives-U.S. Partnership



24 June 2024, Washington, D.C.; Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Maldives, Moosa Zameer, met with USAID Administrator Samantha Power, today. They discussed enhancing bilateral cooperation, focusing on promoting sustainable economic growth, protecting the environment, and strengthening democratic institutions. Minister Zameer expressed his gratitude for USAID's ongoing support and emphasized the importance of continued collaboration to address the Maldives' developmental challenges. Both reaffirmed their commitment to advancing shared goals, including addressing climate change and improving local governance through capacity-building initiatives.

During the meeting, they also discussed the recent decision by the U.S. to open a USAID office in the Maldives. This announcement follows Administrator Power's official visit to the Maldives in November 2023, where she attended the Inauguration Ceremony of President Dr. Muizzu as part of a Presidential delegation appointed by U.S. President Biden.

Minister Zameer Participates in an Interactive Discussion at the Council on Foreign Relations



26 June 2024, Washington, D.C.; The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Maldives, Moosa Zameer, engaged in an interactive discussion at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) today. The session provided a platform for Minister Zameer to outline the Maldivian government’s key priorities, with a strong focus on the Maldives’ leading efforts to combat the effect of climate change.

During the discussion, Minister Zameer underscored the urgent need for global collaboration to address the climate crisis, stressing the vital role of international support for small island nations like the Maldives. He also detailed the Maldives’ strategic priorities, reinforcing the country’s commitment to sustainable development and resilience in the face of environmental challenges.



Minister Zameer Meets with Congressman Michael McCaul, Chair of the House Foreign Affairs Committee

26 June 2024, Washington, D.C.; Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Maldives, Moosa Zameer, met with Congressman Michael McCaul, Chair of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. They exchanged insights on shared interests and explored potential areas of future cooperation between the Maldives and the United States.

Minister Zameer Meets with Congresswoman Young Kim, Chair of the Indo-Pacific Subcommittee

26 June 2024, Washington, D.C.; Today, Minister of Foreign Affairs Moosa Zameer met with Congresswoman Young Kim, who serves as the Chair of the Indo-Pacific Subcommittee at the U.S. House of Representatives.

During their meeting, the Minister and the Congresswoman reflected on recent key developments in the Maldives-U.S. partnership, including the decision to open resident embassies in their respective capitals. This meeting was part of the Minister's official engagements during his visit to Washington, D.C.



Minister Zameer Meets with Congressman Ami Bera, Ranking Member of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on the Indo-Pacific.

26 June 2024, Washington, D.C.; Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Maldives, Moosa Zameer, met with Congressman Ami Bera, Ranking Member of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on the Indo-Pacific. The meeting focused on exchanging views on strengthening Maldives-U.S. bilateral relations in a mutually beneficial manner.

Both emphasized the importance of continuing to build on the existing partnership and exploring new opportunities for collaboration that would serve the interests of both nations.



Minister Zameer Engages with Maldivian Community in Washington, D.C.



25 June 2024, Washington, D.C.; During his official visit to the United States, Minister Zameer met with members of the Maldivian community residing in Washington, D.C. The event, held at the recently opened Embassy of the Maldives in Washington, D.C., provided an opportunity for Minister Zameer to engage directly with Maldivians living in the U.S. capital.

Minister Zameer engaged in discussion with Maldivians and emphasized the government's unwavering commitment to maintaining strong ties with Maldivian communities abroad and reiterated the full support of Maldives' diplomatic missions for Maldivian diasporas living abroad.



Ambassador Ghafoor Meets with Assistant U.S. Trade Representative Ahead of 3rd Maldives-U.S. TIFA Council Meeting



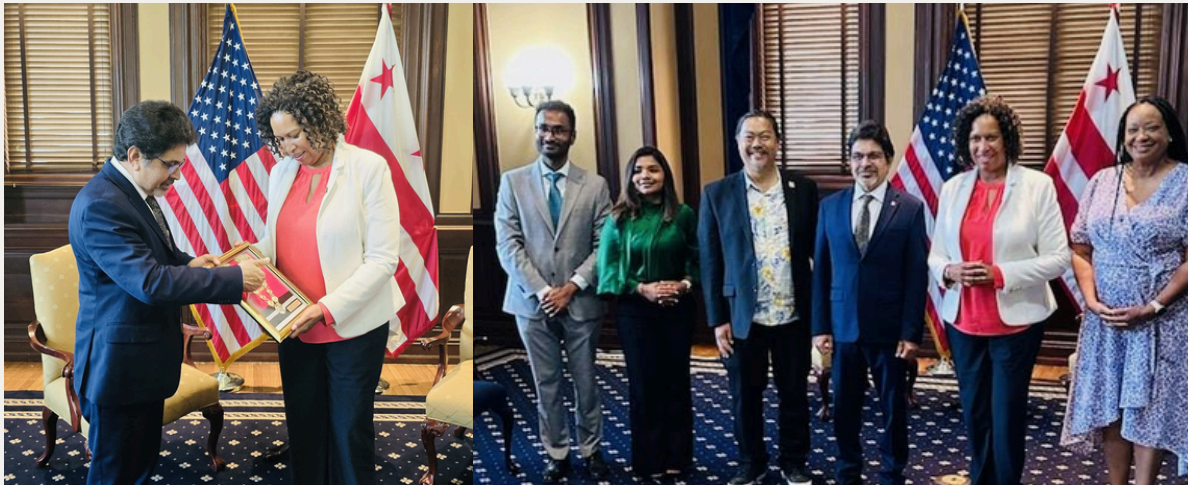
18 June 2024, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed met with Mr. Brendan Lynch, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for South and Central Asia. The discussion focused on preparations for the upcoming Joint Council Meeting under the Maldives-U.S. Trade and Investment Framework Agreement. Both sides emphasized the importance of this meeting in advancing bilateral trade relations and exploring opportunities for enhanced economic cooperation between the Maldives and the United States.

Ambassador Ghafoor and Deputy Assistant Secretary Afreen Discuss Maldives-U.S. Relations and Future Collaboration



14 June 2024, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed met with Afreen Akhtar, Deputy Assistant Secretary at the Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs. During their meeting, they reviewed the current state of cooperation between the Maldives and the United States and exchanged ideas on further enhancing bilateral ties. The discussion underscored the strong partnership between the two nations and explored new avenues to deepen collaboration in areas of mutual interest.

Ambassador Ghafoor Holds Introductory Meeting with Mayor of D.C



06 June 2024, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed met with Washington, DC Mayor Muriel Bowser. During the meeting, Ambassador Ghafoor expressed his appreciation for the warm hospitality and the extensive services provided to the diplomatic community by the Mayor's office in Washington, D.C. They discussed various opportunities for collaboration between Washington, D.C., and the Maldives, focusing on strengthening economic, cultural, and tourism ties. Also, they explored the potential for establishing a Sister City partnership between Washington, D.C., and Malé, which would enhance mutual understanding and bring significant benefits to both communities.



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