



EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES  
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Key Highlights

**Maldives and U.S. Hold the 3rd Trade and Investment Framework Agreement Council Meeting in Washington, D.C.**



10 July 2024, Washington, D.C.; The United States and the Republic of Maldives held the 3rd meeting of the United States-Maldives Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) Council at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative in Washington, D.C.

The Maldives delegation was led by H.E. Mohamed Saeed, Minister of Economic Development, who co-chaired the meeting alongside Brendan Lynch, Assistant United States Trade

Representative for South and Central Asia. The discussions centered on enhancing bilateral trade, investment opportunities, and economic cooperation, reaffirming both nations' commitment to fostering a robust trade relationship. The next TIFA Council meeting is scheduled to take place in Malé, Maldives.



## Minister Saeed Meets U.S. Deputy Secretary Verma to Bolster Trade and Investment Ties



*10 July 2024, Washington, D.C.;* Minister of Economic Development Mohamed Saeed met with U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Richard R. Verma at the State Department during his official visit to Washington, D.C. They discussed ways to deepen cooperation and strengthen trade and investment ties between the Maldives and the United States.



## Minister Saeed and U.S. Special Representative Morgenthau Explore New Horizons for Economic Collaboration Amid TIFA Talks in D.C



*11 July 2024, Washington, D.C.;* During Minister Saeed's visit to Washington, D.C, he met with Sarah Morgenthau, U.S. Special Representative for Commercial and Business Affairs on the sidelines of the Maldives-U.S. Third Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) Council Meeting. They discussed the importance of the Maldives-U.S. economic relationship and explored future opportunities to expand commercial ties.

## Maldives and U.S. Hold First-Ever Investment Roundtable

11 July 2024, Washington, D.C.; During Minister Mohamed Saeed’s official visit to the U.S., the Maldives and the United States held their first-ever Investment Roundtable in collaboration with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. The roundtable fostered a dialogue to deepen economic and trade investment opportunities. The roundtable was attended by representatives from U.S. corporate and private sector in addition to officials from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.



## Minister of Foreign Affairs Moosa Zameer Sends Message to U.S. Secretary of State on the Occasion of U.S. Independence Day

On the occasion of the U.S. Independence Day, Minister of Foreign Affairs H.E. Moosa Zameer sent greetings to the Secretary of State of the United States. In his message, Minister Zameer noted,

*“On behalf of the Government, the people of the Republic of Maldives and on my own behalf, I would like to extend sincere greetings and warm felicitations to Your Excellency, the Government and the people of the United States of America, on the occasion of your Independence Day.*

*The United States has been a reliable partner of the Maldives in our efforts to mitigate and adapt to climate change, promote human rights, and improve democratic institutions. The cooperation with the United States has expanded significantly in the recent years with the opening of resident embassies in both Maldives and the United States of America. We look forward to further enhancing our collaboration. Please accept, Excellency, my best wishes for your good health and well-being, and for the prosperity of the people of the United States of America and the assurances of my highest consideration.”*

Maldivian Ambassador to the US, Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed also attended a reception celebrating U.S. Independence Day, hosted by Secretary of State Antony Blinken at the U.S. Department of State on 4 July 2024.





## Ambassador Ghafoor attends 2024 Republican National Convention

*Milwaukee, Wisconsin;* Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed attended the 2024 Republican National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The invitation, coordinated by the State Department, was extended by the RNC to the diplomatic community in the USA. The event, held from 15 – 18 July 2024, brought together leaders, policymakers, and delegates from across the United States to discuss future political directions. Ambassador Ghafoor engaged in discussions with key stakeholders, highlighting the significance of strong bilateral relations between the Maldives and the United States. The convention served as a valuable platform for fostering diplomatic ties and exploring collaborative opportunities.

## Ambassador Ghafoor Meets with OFM Director Gonzales to Strengthen Maldives-U.S. Diplomatic Relations

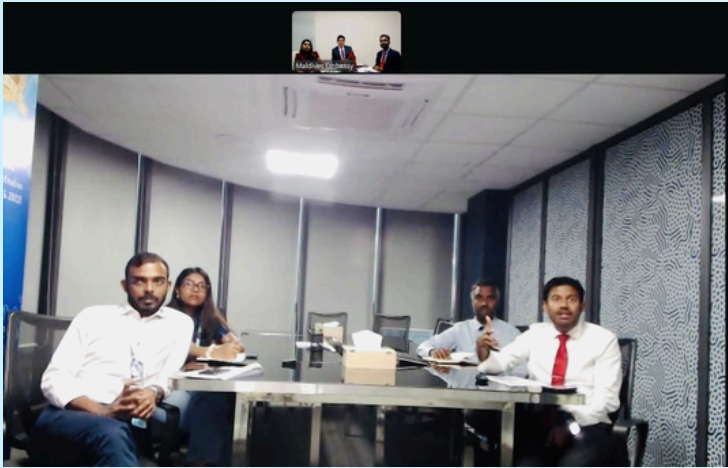
*23 July 2024, Washington, D.C.;* Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed met with Ambassador Rebecca Gonzales, Director of the State Department's Office of Foreign Missions (OFM). Their discussions reflected the strong ongoing relations between the Maldives and the United States following the establishment of resident Embassies in their respective capitals and opportunities to further expand the relationship.



## Ambassador Ghafoor holds an introductory meeting NSC Senior Director for South Asia

*24 July 2024, Washington, D.C.;* Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed welcomed Senior Director at White House for South Asia, NSC at the Embassy of Maldives. The meeting underscored the commitment to enhancing bilateral relations and cooperation on regional issues between the Maldives and the United States.

# Embassy Team Discuss Program of Work with MMPRC for Promoting Maldives as a Premier Tourist Destination for U.S. Visitors



25 July 2024, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed and the team at the Embassy of Maldives in the USA met with Ibrahim Shiuree, Managing Director of the Maldives Marketing & Public Relations Corporation (MMPRC), and his team virtually to discuss opportunities for promoting Maldives tourism in the USA. The discussions focused on strategic partnerships and initiatives to enhance the Maldives' visibility as a premier tourist destination in the U.S., currently the 7th largest source market for Maldives tourism. The collaborative efforts aim to explore opportunities and avenues to boost tourist arrivals and strengthen the Maldives' brand presence in the American market.



## Maldives Celebrates 59th Independence Day

Maldives celebrates its 59th Independence Day on 26 July 2024. The Embassy of Maldives commemorates this significant day and extends its best wishes to all Maldivians.



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