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Resolution by Members of Parliament of the Joint Opposition of the Maldives

4 February 2018, Malé:

- (i) Taking into account the Supreme Court of the Maldives ruling of 1 February 2018, ordering the immediate release of 9 political prisoners, including former President Mohamed Nasheed, leader of Maldivian Democratic Party, Qasim Ibrahim, MP and leader of Jumhooree Party, Sheikh Imran Abdulla, leader of Adhaalath Party, former Defence Minister Colonel Mohamed Nazim, MP Ahmed Faris Maumoon of Progressive Party of Maldives, former Vice President Ahmed Adheeb, former Prosecutor General Muhthaz Muhusin, Judge Ahmed Nihan, and businessman Hamid Ismail as well as the reinstatement of 12 Members of Parliament;
- (ii) Expressing concern that the Government of Maldives has refused to abide by the ruling, and continues to defy the Supreme Court of the Maldives;
- (iii) Noting with alarm the Attorney- General of the Maldives, Mohamed Anil, publicly announced that he had ordered the Maldives Police Services and the Maldives National Defence Force not to follow rulings issued by the Supreme Court;
- (iv) Deeply concerned that the Chief of Defence Force, Major General Ahmed Shiyam has declared that he will only take orders from the Attorney-General, and will not implement the Supreme Court ruling;
- (v) Given that the public demonstrations calling on the Government to implement the apex court's ruling has been met with undue force and violence by the Police,
- (vi) Noting the firing of two consecutive Commissioners of Police who tried to implement the Court ruling;
- (vii) Further noting that the Speaker of Parliament has cancelled the opening of Parliament, despite the Supreme Court ruling saying the Parliament must be opened as scheduled, and the Parliament has been sealed off by the military, prompting the immediate resignation of the Secretary- General of the Parliament;
- (viii) Condemning the escalation of the Government's crackdown on the opposition, with the arrest of 2 more lawmakers MP Abdulla Sinan and MP Ilham Ahmed following the Supreme Court ruling;



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- (ix) Noting further the increased intimidation of the Chief Justice, Abdulla Saeed, other supreme justices and staff at the Department of Judicial Administration (DJA) by President Yameen, including the attempted arrest and ongoing manhunt by the Police, for the Chief Administrator of the DJA, Hassan Saeed;
- (x) Deeply fearful that the government's refusal to implement the Supreme Court ruling, the Police violence, and the increased militarisation of the country, could escalate to civil unrest and incite violence across the country;
- (xi) Recognising the calls by the local NGOs, including Transparency Maldives, the Maldives Democracy Network, Voice of Women, Tourism Employees Association of Maldives, and the Maldives NGO Federation urging the Government to implement the ruling to avoid further unrest;
- (xii) Noting the strong calls from the UN, India, Sri Lanka, the USA, the UK, the EU and other development partners urging the Government of Maldives to abide by the Supreme Court ruling and release the Political prisoners;
- (xiii) Expressing gratitude for the support received from the international community in our endeavour to return the Maldives to democracy and to restore fundamental rights of its people;

We, the undersigned, Members of Parliament of the Joint Opposition, including MPs from the Maldivian Democratic Party, Jumhooree Party, Progressive Party of Maldives, Adhaalath Party, and independent MPs,

declare that President Yameen Abdul Gayoom is now ruling the Maldives unlawfully, outside the remits of the Constitution, and against his legal obligations under the ICCPR

and request the international community, including India, Sri Lanka, the US, the UK, EU member states, international organizations and international NGOs, and all friends of the Maldives, to do everything in their power

1. to impress upon the Government of Maldives, security services and institutions to respect the Supreme Court ruling, and
2. to consider and implement all necessary measures, including diplomatic, economic, and legal, to defend democracy, rule of law and human rights in the Maldives at this critical juncture, and to hold government officials accountable for violations of national and international law

and to help return power to the people of the Maldives, and to restore democracy in Maldives.



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