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To: All Tourist Facilities

Subject: Halting the issuance of Tourist Visa to travelers from South Asian countries

Dear Sir/Madam,

In order to further strengthen travel restriction for South Asian Countries, the Government of Maldives has decided to temporarily suspend the issuance of tourist visas for Travelers originating from **South Asian Countries** (*Afghanistan*, *Bangladesh*, *Bhutan*, *India*, *Nepal*, *Pakistan*, *and Sri Lanka*), including those with a transit time exceeding 24 hours and have a travel history to the above stated countries within the past 14 days, effective **13**th **May 2021** until further notice.

We regret any inconveniences caused in our endeavor to make tourism in the Maldives the safest possible and take this opportunity to thank all tourist facilities for the support & cooperation extended to us at all times.

For further clarification, please contact our Situation Monitoring Unit (SMU) on (+960) 9423131 or email us at $\underline{smu@tourism.gov.mv}$.

Yours sincerely

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