

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs will hold a public consultation meeting at the Ministry on 1 August 2010 at 1000 hrs. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and receive comments from the general public for the Maldives' National Report being prepared for the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) and acquire an idea of the perception of the general public on the situation of human rights in the Maldives.

Interested participants are invited to register before 1600 hrs on 28 July 2010. To register, please call: 3304195; or fill out the registration form available from the Ministry's main reception; or email your name, address and phone number to: upr@foreign.gov.mv.

The Universal Periodic Review (UPR) is a unique process which involves a review of the human rights records of all UN Member States once every four years. This State-driven process, under the auspices of the Human Rights Council provides the opportunity for each State to declare what actions they have taken to improve the human rights situations in their countries and to fulfill their human rights obligations.

The Republic of Maldives will be reviewed under the UPR on 3 November 2010 and its report is due for submission by 23 August 2010.

The Maldives' UPR National Report (draft) will be available on the Ministry's website, www.foreign.gov.mv. The Ministry welcomes your comments via email to upr@foreign.gov.mv or to our Facebook Group Maldives UPR 2010.

