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TEXT OF THE MESSAGE BY  
HIS EXCELLENCY IBRAHIM MOHAMED SOLIH  
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

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QUOTE

8 December 2022

On the occasion of the 38<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), I express my warmest greetings and felicitations to the Secretary-General, the Secretariat, all institutions affiliated with SAARC, and the people of the South Asian nations.

Maldives recognises the significance of adhering to regional collaboration to ensure regional peace and stability for all. On this important occasion, let me reiterate Maldives' commitment to the principles and values underpinning the SAARC Charter.

The people of SAARC countries are closely bound by our long histories of trade, cultural exchange, and good will in times of need. I hope that as residents of this region, we can continue to work together to achieve progress and prosperity for the peoples of our region.

Ibrahim Mohamed Solih  
President of the Republic of Maldives

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TEXT OF MESSAGE BY  
HIS EXCELLENCY ABDULLA SHAHID,  
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

QUOTE:

Male', 08 December 2022

It brings me great pleasure to convey warm greetings and best wishes on the occasion of SAARC Charter Day to the Secretary General of SAARC, the SAARC Secretariat, and the people of the South Asia region.

The SAARC Charter was envisioned to provide a durable mechanism to discuss the common concerns facing our region and address the economic aspirations of our region, with a view to fostering mutual trust and confidence among member nations. It is essential that we interact frequently in order to solve the significant challenges we face as a region and collaborate with one another amicably.

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected societies and economies around the globe and is bound to irreversibly transform communities as it continues to unfold, leaving our region with a series of unprecedented challenges. I firmly believe these obstacles could be surmounted if all member states remain dedicated and continue to collaborate closely, preserving a cohesive atmosphere of friendship and collaboration in the true spirit of SAARC.

Since its creation in 1985, the Maldives has been completely committed to SAARC, and we remain dedicated to cooperating with our neighbors to enhance the Association.

Abdulla Shahid  
Minister of Foreign Affairs  
Republic of Maldives

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