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President,

1. The Maldives aligns with the statements delivered by Iraq on behalf of G77 and China, and Palau on behalf of AOSIS.
2. The 2030 deadline is fast approaching. We must embrace bold solutions to meet the challenges ahead. The choice is ours.
3. Partnerships have shaped the Maldives development. Through trade, knowledge sharing, and collective action, we have learnt that sustainable development is a shared responsibility. Turning commitments into results requires practical, results-driven collaborations that bring together governments, the private sector, academia, and civil society organisations. Through these inclusive and strategic partnerships, we can create lasting and impactful solutions to today's global challenges.
4. The Maldives has improved healthcare access, maternal and child health, and disease prevention. Protecting public health globally requires stronger partnerships in technology, research, and resilient healthcare systems.
5. Gender inclusivity remains uneven worldwide. The Maldives has advanced legal protections and leadership roles for women. But laws alone aren't enough. Real progress demands investments in education, financial access, and workplace reforms that foster and build women's success.
6. For SIDS, economic sustainability relies on access, not just ambition. Growth needs diversification, digital transformation, and resilient supply chains. The ABAS calls for recognizing SIDS as dynamic



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economies. With the right partnerships and financing, SIDS can lead in innovation and growth.

7. As provided in ABAS, sustained growth for SIDS also depends on open data-sharing, technology transfer, and evidence-driven cooperation. Innovation and knowledge exchange is the way forward for us to create smarter policies, strengthen resilience, and drive impactful solutions across all sectors.
8. The ocean is not just part of the Maldives geography; it is the foundation of our culture, economy, and way of life. Protecting marine ecosystems must be central to economic and climate policies, backed by enforceable commitments that secure livelihoods and biodiversity.
9. Innovative financing, such as debt forgiveness for climate action, charts a transformative path forward. Tying debt relief to resilience milestones strengthens partnerships, drives sustainable investments, and fosters shared prosperity.
10. No challenge exists in isolation. We must invest in climate resilience, digital inclusivity, and sustainable livelihoods, especially for those facing climate change on the frontlines.
11. Progress is a choice, not a given. The Maldives stands ready to partner in building a future that is inclusive, innovative, and just.
12. Through these efforts, we can ensure no one is left behind.

I thank you.