



The Asia Middle East Center for Research and Dialogue (AMEC) is honored to announce the arrival of its Observation Mission to the Presidential Elections of the Republic of Maldives.

As part of our commitment to promoting democracy and electoral transparency in the Asian and Middle Eastern regions, AMEC's Observation Mission to the Republic of Maldives has arrived to observe the upcoming Presidential Election. We commenced our mission on September 7, 2023. We recognize the importance of this election in the democratic process of the Republic of Maldives and stand ready to provide an impartial and comprehensive assessment of the electoral process. The primary objective of the AMEC's Observation Mission is to assess the overall conduct of the Presidential Election in accordance with international standards for free, fair, and transparent elections.

The AMEC's Observation Mission comprises experienced and qualified international observers dedicated to upholding the principles of democracy and electoral integrity. The mission team includes some of AMEC's research fellows who have experience in election monitoring, legal affairs, political analysis, and other relevant fields. Our observation activities will follow international best practices and include meetings with relevant election authorities, political parties, civil society organizations, and other stakeholders. We will also visit polling stations across the country to observe the voting process firsthand. AMEC is committed to maintaining a neutral and impartial stance throughout the observation process. We will adhere to strict codes of conduct and professionalism to ensure our assessment is unbiased and credible.

Following the conclusion of the Presidential Election, AMEC will release a comprehensive final report outlining our initial observations and findings and including a detailed analysis of the electoral process and recommendations for improvements, if applicable. Our final report will be submitted to the Government of the Republic of Maldives, the Elections Commission of Maldives, and political parties. Ultimately, the report will be made accessible to the public.

We recognize the profound significance of this election to the people of Maldives and earnestly urge all stakeholders to contribute to a peaceful and orderly electoral process. We extend our gratitude to the people of Maldives for their active participation and for allowing us to be part of this momentous journey as they prepare to exercise their democratic right to vote.

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