

I am writing to express my grave concern in regard to your statement to implement the death penalty by the end of September. If carried out, it is not only a tragic setback for Maldives, which has not carried out any executions for over 60 years, but it would also violate Maldives' obligations under international law, including to protect people' s right to life.

It is speculated that three death-row inmates, Hussain Humaam Ahmed, Ahmed Murrath and Mohamed Nabeel are at imminent risk of execution. There are also concerns about the fairness of the proceedings that lead to the imposition of the death penalty in Maldives.

I ask you to halt any plans to resume executions and establish an official moratorium on all executions, with a view to abolishing the death penalty.

In addition, I would like to call on you to immediately commute the death sentence against all prisoners under sentence of death, including those imposed for crimes committed when the prisoners were below 18 years of age.

I also call on you to amend national legislation to remove provisions that are not in line with international law and standards and abolish the death penalty for all crimes.

Your attention on this matter would be highly appreciated.

Sincerely,