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**Agenda item 3: Protecting our Planet through Regional Cooperation and
Solidarity in Asia and the Pacific**

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Thank you, Chair

I take this opportunity to express sincere appreciation for the valuable reports and presentation.

Regional cooperation in the area of Environmental Conservation and Management is an important topic for our delegation.

As one of the most low-lying country in the world, climate change poses a significant threat to our survival. Majority of our islands are one meter above sea level. With our planet heating up more than ever and sea level rise and its impacts have become a reality we face every day. Millions of dollars are spent to combat the impacts of climate change in our country but it does not guarantee our survival. A global collective effort by world governments and its citizens is required to tackle these issues effectively.

In efforts to curb domestic air pollution, the National Action Plan on Air Pollutants was formulated in 2019. We have established a real-time air quality monitoring system dispersed throughout the country.

It is the collective accountability and collective action that we need to reduce air pollution.

Maldives has also updated the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) in 2019, in which we have set forth ambitious plans to reduce 26% of our emissions by 2030 contingent on adequate support which will be achieved through interventions in energy, transport and waste sectors.

We are working on introducing Integrated, Sustainable and Low-Emission Transport in the Maldives, instalment of a solar diesel hybrid system in several atolls.



We have established 79 protected areas under the “1 island, 1 reef and 1 wetland from each atoll’ conservation policy and are continuing our works to legally protect more areas.

The Maldives believes that enhanced plans and coordinated efforts will lead our country to a net-zero, sustainable, greener and a more resilient future. The Government of Maldives is committed to offer its support in all efforts towards combatting the three planetary crises.

Thank you, Chair.
