



THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

MALE,
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES.

25 August 1984

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Foreign Ministers of the South Asian Regional Co-operation who met in Male' on 10 and 11 July 1984 have requested me, in my capacity as Chairman of the Meeting, to convey to the leaders of the industrialized countries, the immediate concern of the States of South Asia that the financing of IDA VII has not been augmented to a degree whereby, in real terms, an increase is achieved over the level of IDA VI.

Such an increase is seen as vital by the Foreign Ministers if resources which are to be made available under IDA are not only adequate to the existing needs of the countries in the region, but are to meet the legitimate requirements of any new arrangements which are likely to be sought. Express regret was also voiced by the Foreign Ministers at the lack of appreciable progress made in meeting the concerns of the developing nations with regard to the current world economic situation which were clearly identified at the June 1984 summit of the industrialized countries held in London when specific remedies were proposed.

I have every trust that Your Excellency will both understand and appreciate the vital nature of such issues as I am requested to bring to your kind attention,

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particularly as their consideration will have a direct bearing on the alleviation of the plight of up to one billion people living in this region.

It is my conviction that given Your Excellency's considerate disposition, you will spare no effort in securing a favourable response to this expression of concern by the Foreign Ministers of South Asia.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely

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