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Dinesh Gunawardena - (M.P.) Foreign Minister

Hon. Abdulla Shahid,
Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Maldives

Colombo, 8th June 2021

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Government of Sri Lanka, I am pleased to extend to your Excellency my heartfelt congratulations on your election as the President of the 76th Session of the United Nations General Assembly.

Your election as the President of the UN General Assembly as the first from the Maldives, and as only the sixth from a Small Island Developing State is a testimony to the trust and confidence placed on you by an overwhelming majority of the UN Member States, including Sri Lanka. I am confident that the vast experience you have acquired over your long year of illustrious diplomatic career will be immensely beneficial in discharging the responsibilities of this high office during these challenging times.

As a close neighbour and a friend of Maldives, Sri Lanka looks forward to working with you at the 76th Session of the General Assembly, with a view to furthering the interests and priorities of the Global South.

I wish your Excellency success in all your endeavours.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Dinesh Gunawardena, M.P.
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