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## MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

to wind up the debate on the statement by the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

pursuant to Rule 123(2) of the Rules of Procedure

on the situation in the Maldives  
(2015/2662(RSP))

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**European Parliament resolution on the situation in the Maldives  
(2015/2662(RSP))**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to its previous resolutions on the Maldives,
  - having regard to the Joint Local European Union Statement on the rule of law in the Maldives of 24 February 2015,
  - having regard to the Statement by the Spokesperson of the Vice-President of the European Commission/High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (VP/HR) on the conviction of former President of the Maldives Mohamed Nasheed of 14 March 2015,
  - having regard to the Statement by the Spokesperson of the Vice-President of the European Commission/High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (VP/HR) on the activation of the death penalty in the Maldives of 30 April 2014,
  - having regard to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), to which the Maldives is a party,
  - having regard to Rule 123(2) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the former President of the Maldives Mohamed Nasheed has been convicted for charges under anti-terrorist legislation by a Criminal Court and was sentenced on 13 March 2015 to 13 years in prison;
- B. whereas former President Mohamed Nasheed had allegedly ordered the abduction and detention of the Chief Judge of the Criminal Court, Justice Abdullah Mohamed, in January 2012;
- C. whereas there were reports of former President Mohamed Nasheed having effectively been denied appropriate legal representation at the court hearing of 23 February 2015 and access to copies of the trial proceedings necessary to lodge an appeal; whereas former President Mohamed Nasheed has therefore not been able to lodge an appeal against the sentence in due time and form;
- D. whereas the conviction of former President Mohamed Nasheed risks undermining people's trust in the independence of the judiciary;
1. Stresses that the conviction of former President Mohamed Nasheed for charges under anti-terrorist legislation raises very serious questions about the rule of law in the Maldives;
  2. Underlines that respect for rule of law, the right to a fair trial, due legal process and independence of the judiciary, in accordance with provisions of the ICCPR, are central

elements of the democratic process; emphasises that all Maldivian citizens, including former President Nasheed, are to be treated according to these principles, which are themselves important for a pluralistic society;

3. Calls on the EU to further monitor the situation in the Maldives; stresses that respect for the rule of law should be addressed at the United Nations Human Rights Council Universal Periodic Review session about the Maldives;
4. Appeals for calm in the Maldives and calls on all sides to act with moderation, responsibility, restraint and uphold constitutional rights and freedoms;
5. Is concerned by the decision by the Government of Maldives in April 2014 to break the moratorium on the use of the death penalty, including in cases that involve juvenile offenders, and urges the Government of Maldives to retain the moratorium;
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, the Council, the Commission, and the Government and Parliament of the Maldives.