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TEXT OF THE MESSAGE BY  
HIS EXCELLENCY IBRAHIM MOHAMED SOLIH  
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

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QUOTE

Malé, 8 December 2021

On the occasion of the 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), it gives me great pleasure to extend my warmest greetings and felicitations to the Secretary-General, the Secretariat, all entities affiliated with SAARC and the people of the South Asian countries.

The signing of the Charter on 8 December 1985, gave our region a profound sense of identity and unity, and it is heartening to see increased interaction between South Asian people. To achieve peace, prosperity, and stability in the region, we must always work together to promote regional cooperation.

As the world struggles to emerge from the global Covid-19 pandemic, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Member States for their invaluable contribution towards our collective efforts to combat the pandemic.

On this auspicious day, I would like to reiterate Maldives' commitment to the SAARC principles and values of unity and cooperation. It is my sincere hope that as members of this unique region, we will rise above our differences and work together to achieve our shared goal of a better and more prosperous future for the people of South Asia.

Ibrahim Mohamed Solih  
President of the Republic of Maldives

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TEXT OF MESSAGE BY  
HIS EXCELLENCY ABDULLA SHAHID,  
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

QUOTE:

Male', 08 December 2021

It gives me great pleasure to extend warm greetings and best wishes to the Secretary General of SAARC, the SAARC Secretariat and people of the SAARC region, on the happy occasion of SAARC Charter Day.

Today as we celebrate 37th year of the founding of SAARC, it is important to reflect on the successes and gains achieved by SAARC despite the multifarious challenges. South Asia is a region blessed with great potential and all Member States must renew their commitment to work hand in hand, to reap the benefits of regional cooperation to enhance prosperity and quality of life of South Asian people.

Across the globe, and in the South Asia region, we continue to battle the Covid-19 pandemic. We recognize and commend the contributions of SAARC in bringing Member States together, in pursuing our collective efforts to recover from the social and economic impacts of Covid-19. It is my sincere hope that this spirit of solidarity and commitment is, and will continue to manifest in all areas of cooperation.

As we commemorate this special occasion, let me assure the full support of the Government of Maldives to foster regional cooperation, as enshrined in the SAARC Charter.

Abdulla Shahid  
Minister of Foreign Affairs  
Republic of Maldives

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