



## OFFICIAL STATEMENT

**To:** All MATATO Members, Tourism Industry Stakeholders, Government Authorities, and Partners

**From:** Maldives Association of Travel Agents and Tour Operators (MATATO)

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**Subject:** Industry Solidarity and Response to Global Flight Disruptions

As regional tensions escalate and global flight disruptions unfold, the Maldives tourism industry is already witnessing cancellations and operational challenges affecting international travel.

As a nation that depends heavily on tourism and uninterrupted air connectivity, we recognize the seriousness of this situation and its potential impact on our economy.

MATATO stands together with the people of the Maldives, the Government, and all tourism industry stakeholders during this period of uncertainty. Unity, coordination, and proactive engagement are essential to safeguard our industry and maintain international confidence in the Maldives as a trusted destination.

Our industry has successfully navigated global crises in the past. Through collective action, resilience, and strong collaboration, we will overcome this challenge and ensure the continued strength of Maldives tourism.

**Together with our nation, we remain steadfast and united.**