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An Adaptation Package, Debt Solutions, and Health Resilience for Vulnerable Nations**

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At the outset, allow me to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Climate Vulnerable Forum for the tireless effort in keeping the voices of the most vulnerable nations at the center of the global climate agenda. The Maldives stands here not only as one of the world's most climate-vulnerable countries, but also as a nation that has consistently strived to lead alongside our fellow small island states.

We have submitted our third Nationally Determined Contribution. This reflects our enduring commitment to the Paris Agreement, even though our emissions are negligible. But let us be candid. Today, we recognize that a significant gap remains, a gap between pledges and delivery, between ambition and implementation. Closing this gap is not a matter of choice, it's a matter of survival. This is why we must confront the urgent need to reform the global financial architecture.

After the devastation of the Second World War, the world came together to rebuild societies and economies, creating the institutions and mechanisms that shape decades of peace and growth. Today, in the face of the climate crisis, we need nothing less than a Climate Marshall Plan—one that mobilizes just finance at scale, accounts for risk, and ensures accountability. Without this, our world will remain with promises unfulfilled. As the late UNFCCC Executive Secretary, Miss Joke Waller-Hunter, reminds us: Climate change is the weapon of mass destruction of our time.

We cannot afford delay. We must act with the same urgency, scale, and resolve as the world did in rebuilding after war. Because this is in truth, our battle for survival.

Excellencies, Maldives will continue to raise its voice, but we cannot do this alone. We call upon all nations and partners to match ambition with action, to fill the implementation gap, and to join us in building a future where our islands and our world can thrive.

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