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**STATEMENT**

**THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF INDIA EXPRESSES GRAVE CONCERN ON THE RECENT RECOMMENDATION BY THE JUDICIAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MALDIVES**

The Bar Association of India expresses grave concern on the recent recommendation by the Judicial Services Commission of Maldives dated May 4, 2025, recommending removal of two judges of the Maldives Supreme Court to the Parliament of Maldives.

The Bar Association of India fully endorses the statements issued by the Bar Council of Maldives, LAWASIA and Commonwealth Lawyers Association in this regard, expressing concern about the lack of due process and transparency in the proceedings conducted by the Judicial Services Commission, which if true, would cast serious doubts on the commitment to the Rule of Law and Judicial Independence on part of the Maldives Government.

The Bar Association of India joins Bar Council of Maldives, LAWASIA and Commonwealth Lawyers Association to urge the Government of Maldives and the Parliament to not to proceed with the matter till the time the concerns raised by the Bar Council of Maldives in its statement are addressed.

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