

#### **EUROPEAN UNION**

# **ELECTION OBSERVATION MISSION**

#### **MALDIVES 2023 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION**

The Mission assesses all aspects and stages of the electoral process including:

- the legal framework and its implementation
- the performance of the election administration
- the role of State institutions
- voter registration
- · campaign activities and campaign finance
- the respect for fundamental political rights & freedom
- the participation of women and of persons with disabilities
- the role of the media, including social media
- the role of civil society
- voting, counting, and tabulation
- complaints and appeals processes
- the announcement of the results

The mission will issue a preliminary statement in Malé after the election. The EU EOM will remain in the country until the completion of the electoral process. A final report, which will include a set of recommendations for future electoral processes, will be presented after the completion of the process.

All EU election observers are bound by a strict code of conduct and ethical guidelines that guarantee their neutrality and impartiality.

Observers do not interfere in the electoral process and have no mandate to change or correct any shortcomings. No assessment will be published until after polling day.

The EU EOM operates in accordance with the 'Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation' endorsed under United Nations auspices in 2005.

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In response to an invitation from the authorities of the Maldives, the European Union has deployed a mission to observe the 9 September 2023 election.

The European Union Election Observation Mission's (EU EOM) mandate is to assess the election in line with the Maldives' domestic legal framework as well as with the international and regional commitments the Maldives has made regarding democratic elections.

The mission will provide an informed, and impartial analysis of the electoral process.





## **Chief Observer**

The European Union Election Observation
Mission is led by Chief Observer Nacho
Sánchez Amor, a Member of the
European Parliament from Spain.

### The Core Team

The Core Team of the EU EOM consists of 09 election experts, who arrived in Malé on 31 July.

# **Long Term Observers**

08 Long-term Observers were deployed across the country on 13 August to follow the electoral process in the atolls.

### **Short Term Observers**

16 Short-term Observers will join the mission around election day to observe the opening, voting, counting and tabulation of results.

Other Short-term Observers, recruited from the EU diplomatic community, as well as from Canada, Norway and Switzerland, will also reinforce the mission on election day.