

Maldives: EU adopts a framework for targeted sanctions

On 16 July, the Foreign Affairs Council adopted a framework for targeted restrictive measures against persons and entities responsible for **undermining the rule of law** or **obstructing an inclusive political solution** in the Maldives as well as persons and entities responsible for **serious human rights violations**. This decision makes it possible, if the situation does not improve, to impose a travel ban and an asset freeze on relevant individuals and entities.

This decision is a direct follow up to the Foreign Affairs Council conclusions of 26 February 2018 on the Maldives. The Council considered that the situation was not in accordance with the **principles of democratic rule and separation of powers**, and indicated it may consider targeted measures if the situation did not improve.

In its conclusions, the Council called on the government of the Maldives to engage with the leaders of the opposition in a **genuine dialogue** that paves the way for **credible, transparent and inclusive Presidential elections**.

- [Council conclusions on the Maldives, 26 February 2018](#)
- [EU Delegation to Sri Lanka and the Maldives](#)

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