

An Update on the Accomplishments under the Roadmap for the Reform Agenda

#	Need	Goal	Proposed Completion Date	Status
1.	Need to ensure that the Maldives Human Rights Commission is fully compliant with the Paris Principles	Drafting an <i>Amendment to the Act on Human Rights Commission of Maldives</i> which was in full compliance with the Paris Principle	The Bill was already submitted to the Parliament at the time of the introduction of the Roadmap	The Bill was passed by the Parliament on 9 August 2006 and was ratified by the President on 17 August 2006.
2.	Need for human rights protection standards in the Maldives to conform to international standards	Becoming party to the <i>International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)</i>	10 December 2006	This Covenant was signed and acceded by Maldives on 19 September 2006.
3.	Need for human rights protection standards in the Maldives to conform to international standards	Becoming party to the <i>International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR)</i>	10 December 2006	This Covenant was signed and acceded by Maldives on 19 September 2006.
4.	Need to strengthen the right to freedom of assembly in streets and public places	Pending the enactment of legislation, strengthening the <i>right to assembly</i> through the proclamation of a <i>regulatory framework</i> by the executive	15 May 2006	The regulatory framework on right to assembly was introduced on 15 May 2006.
5.	Need to strengthen the right to freedom of assembly in streets and public places	Tabling a <i>Bill on Right to Freedom of Assembly</i> before the Parliament	31 August 2006	It was submitted to the Parliament on 31 August 2006.

6.	Need to modernize the Penal Code, and to enact necessary legislation to overhaul and strengthen the entire criminal justice system	Tabling the <i>new Penal Code</i> before the Parliament	31 August 2006	It was submitted to the Parliament on 26 June 2006. The first reading of this bill has been already held.
7.	Need to modernize the Penal Code, and to enact necessary legislation to overhaul and strengthen the entire criminal justice system	Tabling the <i>new Sentencing Bill</i> before the Parliament	31 August 2006	It was submitted to the Parliament on 26 June 2006 as a part of the new Penal Code.
8.	Need to modernize the Penal Code, and to enact necessary legislation to overhaul and strengthen the entire criminal justice system	Tabling the <i>new Criminal Procedure Code</i> before the Parliament	31 August 2006	After revising the Bill in light of the obligations stipulated in ICCPR and ICESCR this Bill was submitted to the Parliament on 30 October 2006.
9.	Need to modernize the Penal Code, and to enact necessary legislation to overhaul and strengthen the entire criminal justice system	Tabling the National Security Service Bill before the Parliament	31 August 2006	It was submitted to the Parliament on 19 February 2006. After the second reading of the Bill, it has been sent to the security committee of the Parliament.
10.	Need to modernize the Penal Code, and to enact necessary legislation to overhaul and strengthen the entire criminal justice system	Tabling the <i>Police Bill</i> before the Parliament	31 August 2006	It was submitted to the Parliament on 19 February 2006. After the second reading of the Bill, it has been sent to a joint committee of the Parliament.

11.	Need to modernize the Penal Code, and to enact necessary legislation to overhaul and strengthen the entire criminal justice system	Tabling the <i>Bill on Detention Procedures</i> before the Parliament	31 August 2006	It was submitted to the Parliament on 31 August 2006 as “Prisons and Parole Bill”.
12.	Need to modernize the Penal Code, and to enact necessary legislation to overhaul and strengthen the entire criminal justice system	Tabling the <i>Parole Bill</i> before the Parliament	31 August 2006	It was submitted to the Parliament on 31 August 2006 as “Prisons and Parole Bill”.
13.	Need for statutory framework for political parties	Tabling a <i>Bill on Political Parties</i> before the Parliament	The Bill was already submitted to the Parliament at the time of the introduction of the Roadmap	It was originally submitted to the Parliament on 19 February 2006. However it was rejected by the Parliament in July 2006. The Government would be sending a new bill within 2006.
14.	Need for specific laws to protect media freedom	Tabling the <i>Bill on Media Freedom</i> before the Parliament	The Bill was already submitted to the Parliament at the time of the introduction of the Roadmap	The Bill is waiting for the first reading.
15.	Need for specific laws to protect media freedom	Tabling the <i>Bill on Freedom of Information</i> before the Parliament	The Bill was already submitted to the Parliament at the	The Bill is waiting for the first reading.

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16.	Need for specific laws to protect media freedom	Tabling the <i>Bill on Registration of Newspapers and Magazines</i> before the Parliament	The Bill was already submitted to the Parliament at the time of the introduction of the Roadmap	The Bill is waiting for the first reading.
17.	Need for specific laws to protect media freedom	Tabling the <i>Maldives' Media Council Bill</i> before the Parliament	The Bill was already submitted to the Parliament at the time of the introduction of the Roadmap	The Bill is waiting for the first reading.
18.	Need to make defamation a civil offence rather than a criminal offence	Tabling a <i>Bill on Defamation</i> before the Parliament, to make defamation a civil offence	31 August 2006	It was submitted to the Parliament on 31 August 2006.
19.	Need to establish independence of the Auditor General	Tabling the <i>Audit Bill</i> before the Parliament	The Bill was already submitted to the Parliament at the time of the introduction of the Roadmap	It is at the committee stage in the Parliament.
20.	Need to promote public trust in the Police Service, and	Establishing a <i>Police Integrity Commission</i> and designating the duties	31 August 2006	The Commission was established on 31 August

	facilitating an avenue for raising complaints on Police Practice	of the Commission		2006.
21.	Need to facilitate the opportunity for private parties to broadcast and re-broadcast	Tabling the <i>Bill on Broadcasting</i> before the Parliament	31 October 2006	It was submitted to the Parliament on 30 October 2006.
22.	Need to facilitate the opportunity for private parties to broadcast and re-broadcast	Tabling the <i>Bill on Cable Television</i> before the Parliament	31 October 2006	It was submitted to the Parliament on 30 October 2006.