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**Statement from the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for
Tsunami Recovery, Former U.S. President Bill Clinton,
on the Maldives**

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"I welcome recent progress in the political reform process in the Maldives, and the acknowledgement by officials that "building back better" after the tsunami should include a commitment to transparency, political dialogue and good governance.

President Gayoom and I discussed these issues in detail during his recent visit to New York, and I am encouraged by the decision to release Maldivian Democratic Party (MDP) Chairperson Mohamed Nasheed. President Gayoom assured me that the reform process will continue, and I offer my support in the weeks and months to come."

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