

Maldives, Republic of

The Republic of Maldives has become the 183rd member State of the International Labour Organization (ILO) in 2009.

The membership came into force on 15 May 2009 when H.E. Mr Mohamed Nasheed, President of the Republic of Maldives, submitted a letter to Mr Juan Somavia, Director-General of the ILO, containing the formal acceptance by the Republic of Maldives of the obligations of the Constitution of the ILO. Work in the country will be organized via the ILO Country Office for Sri Lanka and the Maldives based in Colombo.

The Maldivian archipelago consists of about 1,200 small low-lying islands, of which around 200 are inhabited and 87 are developed as resort islands. The population is about 299,000, of whom some 81,000 are migrant workers. The major generators of income and employment are tourism and fishing.

The country has been a member of the United Nations since 21 September 1965.