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Ministry of Tourism and MTPB hold extraordinary meeting ref.
Vilu Reef fake wedding vows incident.

Today 30th October 2010 at 1100 Male time, the Ministry of Tourism and the MTPB held an extraordinary meeting with representatives of MATI, MATAO, Liveaboard Association and other stake holders in the industry to discuss the recent fake wedding vows incident at Vilu Reef.

Every-one present at the meeting agreed that those responsible were now to be dealt with by the police and the full weight of the law.

Those present at the meeting expressed how shocked and appalled they were by the You Tube video and although it appears that this was an isolated incident it was agreed action needed to be taken to ensure that this never happens again. Consequently, it was agreed that new strict regulations insuring that tourists in the future will be totally protected will be implemented. These new regulations were discussed and will be confirmed once they are approved.

The meeting concluded on a productive note stating that in the future any visiting tourists can be reassured that ceremonies such as these in The Maldives will be conducted to the highest level of authenticity and empathy for all those involved.