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MINISTRY OF TOURISM, ARTS AND CULTURE
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**MALDIVES PARTICIPATED IN THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE SAARC
WORKING GROUP ON TOURISM**

A Meeting was hosted by the Government of Nepal on 12th January 2011, chaired by Mr. Kishor Thapa, Secretary, Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation, Nepal. "Working group on Tourism" was formulated on 2004 after the recommendation by the SAARC Standing Committee at its Fourth Special Session (Kathmandu, 9-10 July 2003).

Mr Ahmed Salih, Permanent Secretary of The Ministry of Tourism, Arts & Culture represented Maldives in the Meeting

Recommendations and observations made in the meeting

The dummy website prepared by the Government of India and circulated earlier to the Member States may be reviewed by the respective Member States. CDs containing material of the dummy websites were again circulated to Member States. The comments may be communicated (if not done earlier) to the focal point in the Government of India through the SAARC Secretariat latest by end April 2011.

Nepal may circulate the format on SAARC Travel Guide once again through the SAARC Secretariat for inputs from Member States.

Sri Lanka may circulate the finalized format on SAARC Tourism Brochure at the earliest. The Brochure will be printed by Pakistan as earlier agreed.

India is offering 50 seats to students of SAARC/ SASEC countries in tourism related disciplines in different institutions. The meeting requested the delegate from India to circulate the details to the Member States through SAARC Secretariat.

Sri Lanka also informed that they are offering two scholarships to each Member State annually. The details are being circulated through the SAARC Secretariat.

Bangladesh was requested to re-distribute the SAARC Tourism Poster through the SAARC Secretariat as some of the Member States have not received the same.

Pakistan circulated a list of Pakistani Registered inbound Tour operators.
