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Minister Ibrahim Faisal Champions Sustainable Tourism at UN High-Level Thematic Event's Ministerial Roundtable

New York, April 16, 2024 - Minister of Tourism, Ibrahim Faisal, showcased the Maldives' commitment to sustainable tourism during his participation at the United Nations General Assembly Sustainability Week. Minister Faisal took part in the Ministerial Roundtable, focusing on Sustainable Tourism and the launch of the Statistical Framework for Measuring the Sustainability of Tourism.

Highlighting the Maldives' leadership in sustainable tourism, Minister Ibrahim Faisal outlined the nation's ongoing efforts to integrate sustainability into all aspects of its tourism industry. He emphasized the unique challenges faced by Small Island Developing States (SIDS), particularly in addressing environmental threats such as rising sea levels due to climate change.

Expressing gratitude to the international community for its support during the COVID-19 pandemic, Minister Faisal shared positive insights into the Maldives' tourism recovery. He cited the impressive visitor arrival figures and the resilience demonstrated by the tourism sector.

Regarding the future of tourism and its role in advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Minister Ibrahim Faisal underscored the importance of balancing inclusive economic growth with environmental protection. He highlighted the Maldives' focus on environmental management and sustainability, including ambitious goals such as achieving net-zero emissions by 2030.

Minister Ibrahim Faisal reaffirmed the Maldives' unwavering commitment to upholding sustainable tourism practices and preserving its natural ecosystems, ensuring the country's continued success as a leading global tourist destination.