



MINISTRY OF TOURISM  
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES



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## **Maldives Government issues statement on Thomas Cook insolvency**

The Maldives Government would like to assure travelers and the travel industry that the necessary precautions have been put in place to minimize disruption as much as possible to holiday makers travelling with Thomas Cook. The Maldives Ministry of Tourism and the Maldives Marketing & Public Relations Corporation (MMPRC) will work closely together to provide the best possible support for these tourists on their return journey.

The Maldives authorities have contacted all resort partners to confirm the number of Thomas Cook travelers currently staying in the Maldives and to determine their return destination. Velana International Airport is operating as usual and measures have been put in place with the aim of easing the situation for holiday makers waiting to return home. Efforts will be made to provide food, assistance and accommodation if required. In this context, those affected are asked to approach the designated service the staff on site.

Statement from Ali Waheed, Maldives Minister of Tourism "...the Government will do everything in its power to ensure the well-being of the passengers affected."

Statement from Mr. Thoyyib Mohamed, Managing Director of MMPRC, "We're very sorry to hear of the closure of Thomas Cook and it is our top priority to ensure that the return journey of all affected tourists will be as comfortable as possible.

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