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MALDIVES PRESIDENT BACKS SMALL ISLAND NATIONS' RIGHT TO CHOOSE DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS AT COP31

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Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu said Wednesday that small island nations should have the right to choose their own development partners while speaking at the COP31 summit in Antalya, Türkiye.

"We need a global system that empowers small island developing states to determine their own development partners. The Maldives is not asking for sympathy. We are calling for justice, responsibility and action to fulfill obligations under international treaties and abide by commitments," he said.

He urged developed countries to honor their climate finance commitments and called for reforms to the international financial architecture to account for the unique vulnerabilities of small island developing states.

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