TUVALU GOVERNMENT

PRIME MINISTER

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Ms. Adriana Dinu
Executive Coordinator
UNDP – Global Environment Finance
New York, USA

Subject: Confirmation of Co-finance to the Green Climate Fund Project
“Tuvalu Coastal Adaptation Project”

Dear Ms. Adriana Dinu,

I am writing in reference to the Green Climate Fund Project – Tuvalu Coastal Adaptation Project, and we are happy to commit US$2.86m as co-financing to the GCF project.

Tuvalu is one of the most vulnerable countries in the world to the impact of climate change, especially to the combined impact of the projected sea-level rise and intensifying tropical cyclones. Cyclone Pam in early 2015, which internally displaced 45% of the total population and caused damage of nearly US$10 million, epitomized the degree of vulnerability of Tuvalu to climate change.

The proposed GCF project, which focuses on coastal protection of the most vulnerable coastlines of the country, is a critical step towards reducing Tuvalu’s vulnerability to climate change and protecting Tuvalu’s status as a nation – a key policy target of the Tuvalu Climate Change Policy.
The project has been designed in a consultative manner led by the GCF Technical Working Group which comprises key government ministries as well as representatives from civil society organizations. The Group ensured that the GCF investment areas are a national priority and are aligned with key Government policy and strategy including the National Strategies for Sustainable Development 2005-2015 (TK-II), Tuvalu Climate Change Policy, and Tuvalu National Strategic Action Plan for Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management 2012-2016 (NSAP, 2012).

Recognizing the magnitude of climate change threats and the importance of this GCF project in reducing Tuvalu’s vulnerability, the Government of Tuvalu will commit US$2.86m as in-kind contributions for the 7-year period of the project life. The contributions are in the form of staff time, at both national and island level, who will spend time on operations and maintenance of the coastal structures and on general project management.

On behalf of the people of Tuvalu, we would like to thank the GCF for the opportunity to put forward this proposal and to reduce the critical vulnerability of the country. This letter is also to reiterate the Government’s strong commitment to the successful implementation of the GCF project. We look forward to working with GCF.

Sincerely yours,

Enelo Sosene Sopoaga
NDA for the GCF,
Government of Tuvalu