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Sub: A letter of Commitment for Operation and Maintenance (O&M) of Water Supply Facilities

Dear Mrs. Adriana Dinu,

With reference to our previous letter (Letter no: 438-PDU/PRIV/2015/931) on commitment for Operation & Maintenance (O&M) of water supply facilities, we would like to further highlight the commitment of the Ministry of Environment Energy of the Government of Maldives to the joint proposal submission of Government of Maldives and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to the Green Climate Fund (GCF) for the project titled “Supporting vulnerable communities in Maldives to manage climate change- induced water shortages”.

The Ministry of Environment and Energy being the National Executing Entity for the proposed project, we hereby commit USD 4,493,940 as co-financing for the proposed project. This amount includes USD 4,193,940 for costs that will be incurred for 10-years of operations and maintenance (Integrated Water Resource Management systems in 4 islands, rainwater harvesting systems in 45 islands and rainfall gauges in 4 locations) and $300,000 as in-kind contributions to 5-years of project implementation to cover Government staff man-hour contributions and use of Government premises to host the project staff.

We would like to thank the GCF for its support in addressing current and future climate change challenges for the Maldives.

Sincerely,

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Dear Ms. Adriana Dinu,

UNDP Maldives has been a strong partner with the Government of Maldives (GoM) in addressing developmental challenges, especially those surrounding climate change. Together with our main implementing partner in the area of environment and climate change, the Ministry of Environment Energy, UNDP has supported the communities in the Maldives to become more resilient through interventions in the areas of climate change adaptation, water resource management, biodiversity, coastal management and disaster risk reduction, to name a few.

The joint submission of the funding proposal to the Green Climate Fund (GCF) titled “Supporting vulnerable communities in Maldives to manage climate change-induced water shortages” will contribute to the Environment and Climate Change outcome, one of the four areas of focus, of the new UNDAF for the country for the period 2015-2020. Furthermore, the proposed project will support the outcome that ensures that “growth and development are inclusive, sustainable, increase resilience to climate change and disasters, and contribute to enhanced food, energy and water security and natural resource management” in the new UNDP Country Programme Document for 2015-2020.

As such, the UNDP CO Maldives expresses support to the proposed project to the GCF for the period 2016-2021 and is allocating an amount of USD 100,000 as cash contribution to the project as a recognition of the importance of providing sustainable solutions to the issue of climate change-induced water shortages in the Maldives.

The GCF contribution is coming at a critical stage of development for the Maldives and will assist in addressing the special challenges faced by a Small Island State.

Yours Sincerely,

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