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Mr. Minh Pham
UNDP Resident Representative
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Dear Sir,

**Formulation of the Maldives Plan of Action for Adaptation to Climate Change
for GEF funding**

In accord with the First National Communication of the Maldives to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, one of the key national priority issues identified in the 6th National Development Plan (2001-2005) as well as the Maldives' Report to the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) is vulnerability and adaptation to climate change. They recognize the need to fully integrate adaptation to climate change and predicted sea-level rise into all national policies. In this regard, Maldives has decided to develop a National Adaptation Programme of Action (NAPA). The NAPA is envisaged to play a fundamental role in addressing a number of vulnerability and adaptation issues, particularly in relation to the strengthening of relevant national policies and plans, as well as raising awareness on adaptation issues nation wide.

With the assistance of UNDP-GEF, a NAPA project proposal has been formulated for Maldives. I would appreciate it if you could please submit the NAPA proposal for GEF review and funding. I take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the UNDP for its active role played in the development of this important proposal and for the continuous support in addressing environmental concerns in the Maldives.

Best regards

Yours sincerely

Aslam Rasheed
Director General,
& Global Environment Facility Operational Focal Point.