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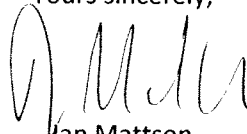
Excellency,

I have the honor to refer to the functions and activities of the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) being and to be carried out in the Republic of Maldives, and propose the establishment of a UNOPS Office in the Republic of Maldives. In this regard, based on the United Nations General Assembly decision 48/501, UNOPS is a United Nations self-financing independent entity, and as such has the legal capacity to conclude international agreements, I have the honor to propose the following:

1. In the performance of its functions and activities in the Republic of Maldives, UNOPS shall possess juridical personality, and thus shall have the capacity to contract, to acquire and dispose of immovable and moveable property, and to institute legal proceedings, in conformity with the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations of 13 February 1946.
2. The terms of the SBAA agreement signed between the Government of the Republic of Maldives and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the personnel, activities, property and assets of the UNOPS office in the Republic of Maldives. In applying the UNDP SBAA, *mutatis mutandis*, the Government confirms that the treatment afforded to UNOPS shall be equal and the same as afforded to any credited diplomatic mission or international organization in the Republic of Maldives.
3. Provided the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Maldives, this Note together with your Note in reply to that effect, shall constitute the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Maldives and UNOPS, which shall enter into force on the date of the Note in reply, and continue as long as UNOPS operates in the Republic of Maldives.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,



Jan Mattson
Executive Director

H.E. Honourable Ahmed Shaheed
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Republic of Maldives



MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

30 December 2010

Dear Mr. Mattson,

Please refer to your letter of 1 November 2010 proposing to establish UNOPS Office in the Maldives and to finalize the proposed exchange of letters between your Office and the Government of Maldives to facilitate the activities of UNOPS in Maldives.

I would like to refer to the functions and activities of the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) being and to be carried out in Maldives. In this regard, based on the confirmation by UNOPS that it is a United Nations (UN) entity, and as such has the legal capacity to conclude international agreements, I wish to propose the following:

1. In the performance of its functions and activities in Maldives, UNOPS shall possess juridical personality, and thus shall have the capacity to contract, to acquire and dispose of immovable and moveable property, and to institute legal proceedings, in conformity with the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations of 13 February 1946 and the laws of the Maldives.
2. The Government of Maldives agrees to apply the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations of 13 February 1946, generally and in particular the provisions on the privileges, immunities, inviolability and facilities specified therein to UNOPS and its staff members as well as other persons who perform official functions for UNOPS, except those who are locally recruited and assigned to hourly rates.
3. Provided the foregoing proposal is acceptable to UNOPS, this letter together with your referred letter shall constitute the Agreement between the Government of Maldives and UNOPS, which shall enter into force on this date, and continue so long as UNOPS operates in Maldives.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Mohamed Aslam
Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs

Mr. Jan Mattson
Executive Director
UN Office for Project Services (UNOPS)
Copenhagen

8 February 2011

Excellency,

I have the honor to refer to your letter of 30 December 2010 in response to my letter of 11 November 2010, regarding the establishment of an office of the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) in the Republic of Maldives in connection with the functions and activities to be carried out by UNOPS in the Republic of Maldives.

In this regard, I note that the Republic of Maldives has made the following proposal:

1. In the performance of its functions and activities in the Republic of Maldives, UNOPS shall possess juridical personality, and thus shall have the capacity to contract, acquire and dispose of immovable and moveable property, and institute legal proceedings, in conformity with the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations of 13 February 1946 and the laws of the Republic of Maldives.
2. The Government of Maldives agrees to apply the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations of 13 February 1946, generally and in particular the provisions on the privileges, immunities, inviolability and facilities specified therein to UNOPS and its staff members as well as other persons who perform official functions for UNOPS, except those who are locally recruited and assigned to hourly rates.

I wish to express my gratitude and appreciation to your Excellency for the proposal of the Republic of Maldives. In this regard, I believe that the issues raised in the proposal of the Republic of Maldives would be appropriately addressed by the application of the SBAA agreement signed between the Government of the Republic of Maldives and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), *mutatis mutandis*, to the personnel, activities, property and assets of the UNOPS Office in the Republic of Maldives. A copy the SBAA agreement is enclosed herewith for ease of reference.

Provided that the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Maldives, this letter, together with your letter in reply to that effect, shall constitute the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Maldives and UNOPS, which shall enter into force on the date of the Note in reply, and continue as long as UNOPS operates in the Republic of Maldives.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,



Jan Mattsson
Executive Director

H.E. Honourable Mohamed Aslam
Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs
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Republic of Maldives