



MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

29 January 2010

Excellency,

Further to our letter of 19 December 2009, in which the Government of the Maldives officially associated itself with the Copenhagen Accord, I am pleased with this letter, to submit the Maldives' nationally appropriate mitigation actions pursuant to paragraph 5 of the Accord.

The Maldives' national submission is contained in annex to this letter.

In accordance with the terms of the Accord, we expect that the information submitted herein will be compiled in the INF document contemplated by paragraph 5.

My Government would like to take this opportunity to encourage the UNFCCC Secretariat to make the compilations envisaged under paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Accord available as soon as possible in a clearly distinguishable part of the UNFCCC website, and to update the compilations at regular intervals, at least every six months, to reflect further submissions in an expedited manner.

The Maldives looks forward to its mitigation action being registered and made publicly available. We also look forward to submitting national communications, including national inventory reports, on the basis of guidelines to be agreed by the Conference of the Parties, as stated in paragraph 5 of the Accord.

The Maldives' submission of its mitigation actions is voluntary and unconditional. However, we do wish to state, on the record, that the Maldives will be seeking international support for implementation, and that, at such a time as we do, we are happy for our request to be recorded in the registry, and for our mitigation actions to be internationally measured, reported and verified.

While the Accord is intended to be operational immediately, its substance and the actions envisaged under it are highly relevant to the work of a number of different subsidiary bodies under the Convention and the Protocol. For example, the Accord's *preamble* expressly endorses the decisions of the COP and CMP to continue work under the Ad-Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action (AWG-LCA) and the Ad-Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments of Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP).



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In light of the above, indications of support for the Accord and submissions pursuant to paragraphs 4 and 5 should be made available for consideration by the AWG-LCA and AWG-KP, and should be taken into account in the context of the evolving work programmes for these two ad-hoc working groups. Going forward, the UNFCCC Secretariat should ensure that the compilations envisaged are reflected as INF documents of both the COP and CMP, and their respective subsidiary bodies and ad-hoc working groups.

We look forward to working with other parties to swiftly implement and build on the Accord, with a view to the adoption at COP-16 of a legally binding agreement for ambitious climate action.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Ahmed Shaheed", is written over a horizontal line.

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ANNEX I

SUBMISSION OF THE MALDIVES

The fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) took note of the Copenhagen Accord of 18 December 2009 ('the Accord'). Paragraph 5 of the Accord states as follows:

"Non-Annex I Parties to the Convention will implement mitigation actions, including those to be submitted to the secretariat by non-Annex I Parties in the format given in Appendix II by the 31st January 2020, for compilation in an INF document, consistent with Article 4.1 and Article 4.7 and in the context of sustainable development. Least developed countries and small island developing States may undertake actions voluntarily and on the basis of support."

Paragraph 5 goes on to state that "nationally appropriate actions seeking international support will be recorded in a registry along with relevant technology, finance and capacity building support."

The Government of the Maldives submits the following voluntary mitigation action for inclusion in the INF document.

Nationally appropriate mitigation actions of developing country Parties

Non-Annex I	Actions	International Support
Maldives	Achieve carbon neutrality as a country by 2020, including aim of 100% emission reductions by 2020 (baseline 2009).	The Government is presently undertaking detailed work on implementation of this action and will register a request for technological, financial and capacity building support for implementation. However, the submission of the present mitigation action is voluntary and unconditional.

