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Member of Parliament

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Iruthisham Adam

Minister of Foreign Affairs

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Fathulla Jameel Building

Malé, 20077

Dear Ms. Iruthisham Adam,

Subject: Concerns Regarding the Closure of the Office of the Honorary Consul of Germany in the Maldives

I am writing to formally express my deep concern regarding the recent suspension of operations and closure of the Office of the Honorary Consul of Germany in the Republic of Maldives.

As you are aware, Germany and the Maldives have maintained strong bilateral and diplomatic relations since 1966. Over the decades, Germany has consistently been one of the top five source markets for Maldivian tourism, playing a vital role in our economic development and travel sector. According to official tourism data, Germany routinely ranks among our top four European market generators, consistently contributing over 130,000 to 160,000 tourist arrivals annually. Last year alone, we welcomed 167,822 German visitors, accounting for 7.5 percent of the total annual tourist arrivals and for generations of German travelers, the Maldives has remained one of their preferred and cherished island destinations worldwide.

The Office of the Honorary Consul of Germany in Malé was established to serve as an essential consular bridge between our nations, providing critical support to visiting tourists, business professionals, and resident citizens. However, the consular office has now been closed until further notice.

In light of this closure, German visitors to the Maldives have been advised to contact the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Colombo for assistance. Furthermore, the German Embassy in Colombo has publicly clarified that without a local representative present in the Maldives, the Embassy's ability to assist travelers on-site is severely constrained to advisory services only. Travelers are now being urged to take this significant lack of local consular support into account when planning trips to the Maldives.



It is widely understood and reported in public discourse that this situation stems from the Maldivian Government's request to revoke the exequatur/acceptance of the current Honorary Consul of Germany for political reasons.

If true, I must express my strong belief that taking such action against a key partner country does not align with the best interests of the Republic of Maldives. Given our long-standing friendship, mutual economic cooperation, and diplomatic history with Germany, creating operational gaps that impact tourist safety, consular efficiency, and international goodwill is deeply concerning.

I urge the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to prioritize this matter, engage in open diplomatic dialogue with the Federal Republic of Germany, and take swift action to resolve any underlying diplomatic friction to ensure the prompt restoration of full consular services in Malé.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. I look forward to your Ministry's response.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

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