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Executive Summary

- Over 25 years of senior management experience in the Government of Maldives with a focus on national development planning
- 11 years as Member of Cabinet of the Government of Maldives with experience in high-level policy making and administration of key sectors of the economy including fisheries, agriculture and tourism
- Expertise in diplomatic and foreign relations as High Commissioner to the UK, and Representative to the European Union and United Nations Office in Geneva
- Chairman of the Male' Water and Sewerage Company (MWSC). This is a Joint Venture company with partners from Denmark which resulted in the first public metered desalinated water distribution system on the Capital island, Male'.
- Advisory role to key institutions including the Maldives Monetary Authority (central bank) and regional institutions such as SAARC and the international organization, International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD)
- Member of Parliament representing the North Ari Atoll constituency.

Education

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA, Adelaide, Australia

Master of Business Administration (MBA), December 2010

Coursework included research on Accounting for Decision Making, Marketing, Contemporary Management Skills, Sustainable Development, Managerial Economics, Managerial Finance and Management Strategies. I achieved distinctions in International Business and Leadership Dynamics.

BUREAU OF CENSUS, Washington D.C, USA

Diploma in Economic Statistics (Graduate Programme) 1979-1980

Conducted a economic survey at Penn State University to assess the agriculture production in the state of Pennsylvania.

MADRAS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE Madras, India.

Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com), 1974-1978

MAJEEDIYYA SCHOOL, Male', Republic of Maldives

General Certificate of Education (GCE O-Level), 1972

Professional Experience

HELP UNIVERSITY MALAYSIA KUALA LUMPUR 2011-2013

Senior Lecturer School of Hospitality and Tourism

High Commissioner to the Republic of Singapore, 2007- 2008

Established the first High Commission of the Maldives in Singapore with minimal resources and was instrumental in attracting Singaporean investments especially in the area of tourism to the Maldives.

Permanent Representative of Maldives to UN Office in Geneva, 2006-2007

- Actively participated in the debates for establishing the present UN Human Rights Council in Geneva. Made significant contributions to scale up donor support for the Maldives Tsunami Recovery Programme.

Non-Resident Ambassador of the Maldives to the European Union, 2005 – 2007

- Promoted the Maldives political reform agenda and led the first Parliamentary Group visit from Maldives to the European Union Parliament. I also coordinated the first European Investment Bank Loan of € 50 million to restore the tourism sector from the impact of the tsunami.

High Commissioner of Maldives to the United Kingdom, 2004-2007

- I was the first resident High Commissioner to the United Kingdom and worked closely with Commonwealth Secretariat and All Party Parliamentary Group. Developed several briefings for the meetings of the All Party Talks and led Ministerial level delegations to such meetings. In response to the 2004 Tsunami, I initiated and led the coordination for mobilising resources from the Government and NGOs in the UK. I also worked closely with OXFAM and British Red Cross to facilitate tsunami rehabilitation programmes in the Maldives.

Minister, Ministry of Tourism, Government of Maldives, 1998 – 2004

- Established a policy framework for positioning Maldives tourism industry and developed strategies for sustainable development of the tourism sector. Contributed significantly to the formulation of the First Maldives Tourism Promotion Plan in order to strengthen the Maldives as an exclusive destination. During this period the industry was threatened by the fall in global travel following the September 11th terrorist attack, SARS epidemic in East Asia and the War in Middle East and under my leadership, efforts were made to work closely with the private sector and the international community to make speedy recoveries in tourist arrivals and receipts. In 2003, the country was opened to the Chinese tourist market by enlisting Maldives into the Approved Destination Status by the Chinese Authorities.

Minister, Ministry of Fisheries & Agriculture, 1993 -1998

- Developed sustainable policies in fisheries and successfully established a ban on catching turtles in the Maldives. Established the Maldives Industrial Fisheries Company (MIFCO) and implemented the World Bank funded cold storage Facility at Koodoo island in Gaaf Alif Atoll.

Director of Statistical Services, National Planning Agency, 1980-91

- During this period I was able to support the establishment of the National Planning Agency. I headed the Statistics Department and I was able to lead the first Household Income and Expenditure Survey in the Maldives in 1981. In addition, a full scale modern national census was carried out in the country in 1985 subsequently electronic data processing of Census was introduced to the Maldives.

Other Positions Held

Member of Parliament 1999-2004, Chairman of the Male' Water and Sewerage Company 2004, Chairman of the Tourism Advisory Board, Tourism Promotion Advisory Committee Member, Atoll Development Advisory Board Member, Maldives Monetary Authority Member, Fisheries Advisory Board


Member, Board Director of the Maldives Industrial Fisheries Company, Commissioner of the SAARC Independent Commission of Poverty Alleviation, Governor for International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD), Rome

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