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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Maldives to the United Nations Offices in Geneva presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and has the honour to submit the information required under paragraph 12 of the United Nations General Assembly resolution 67/180 of 3 April 2013, entitled “International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearances”.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Maldives would appreciate if this submission, contained in the Annex could be reflected in the Report of the Secretary-General due to be presented during the Sixty-eighth session of the United Nations General Assembly.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Maldives avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurance of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 29 April 2013

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ANNEX

Submission by the Government of the Republic of Maldives

as per paragraph 12 of the United Nations General Assembly resolution 67/180

Paragraph 2

The Government of the Republic of Maldives has received the consent and confirmation from the Attorney-General’s Office and the Ministry of Finance and Treasury to proceed with the ratification of the Convention. According to Article 93 of the Constitution, all international legal instruments, treaties and convention must receive the approval of the People’s Majlis (Parliament) for the Government to ratify. The Government of the Republic of Maldives is in the process of submitting the motion to Parliament, on or around the 28th of June 2013.

Paragraph 2 (Consideration of options for provided in articles 31 and 32)

The Government of the Republic of Maldives will recognize the competence of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances on all options provided for in articles 31 and 32 of the Convention, once the Parliament approves the ratification of the Convention and once it comes into force in the Republic of Maldives.

Paragraph 4

The Government of the Republic of Maldives has not requested any assistance from the Secretary-General of the United Nations, nor the High Commissioner for Human Rights. However, it is currently looking into areas where assistance might be required, especially in enacting domestic legislation, raising awareness and conducting programmes for relevant stakeholders.

Paragraph 5

The Government of the Republic of Maldives has not requested any assistance and did not receive any assistance from the United Nations agencies and organizations, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and the Working Group on Enforced Disappearances.