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**General Assembly Resolution A/RES/74/148 on the Protection of migrants**

In the aforementioned resolution, the General Assembly emphasizes the importance of protecting persons in vulnerable situations (para. 6) and calls upon States to cooperate internationally to save lives and prevent migrant deaths and injuries, as well as to identify those who have died or gone missing, and to facilitate communication with affected families (para. 6b). The General Assembly stresses the importance of international, regional and bilateral cooperation in the protection of the human rights of migrants, though, inter alia, the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (para. 10)

In the aforementioned resolution, the General Assembly requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly and the Human Rights Council at their seventy-sixth and forty-fourth session a comprehensive report entitled “Human rights of migrants”, covering all aspects of the implementation of the present resolution (para. 20).

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights requests member states to submit relevant information for the preparation of this report, including on:

• Actions taken to advance the protection of migrants in vulnerable situations;

Government has established a task force to address the issues related to irregular Migrant Workers in the Country.

In this regard, Ministry of Economic Development has initiated the process of legalizing the undocumented or irregular migrant workers through the regularization programme commenced on 19th September 2020. This programme will enable the irregular migrant workers to legalize and get valid permits to work or to make their travel documents, allowing them to leave the country, upon their wish. Thus, this will allow the migrant workers to get access to the basic facilities including right to health and other needs.

Labour Relations Authority (LRA) carries out Labour Inspections in all islands of Maldives. With regards to governments efforts to legalize the undocumented or irregular migrant workers, LRA will give more emphasis in inspecting the worksites of migrant workers in order to ensure the undocumented or irregular migrant workers are enrolled in the regularization program.

• Challenges and best practices in identifying missing migrants and ensuring access to information and justice to their families;

The mechanism established to report missing migrant workers by their employer is to report Maldives Immigration. This question needs to be clarified by Maldives Immigration.

• Advances in the protection of the human rights of migrants through the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.

Ministry of Economic Development has established the mechanisms to strengthen the implementation of the rights of migrant workers in the expatriate regulation in order to monitor the workers’ rights as according to the Employment Act of Maldives. The new regulation, which is planned to be enacted in the second quarter will enforce the minimum accommodation standards of the migrant workers and also ensure the health insurance policy for the migrant workers.

The information provided will be made available on the OHCHR website, unless otherwise requested.