

## UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF LETTER SENT TO THE SUPREME COURT OF MALDIVES BY HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT ABDULLA YAMEEN ABDUL GAYOOM

Date 5 February 2018

The Supreme court, via its Court Order No. 2018/SC-SJ/02, overturned an arrest order issued by the Criminal Court on 4 February 2018 in relation to an alleged bribery case submitted to Maldives Police Service concerning one Mr. Hassan Saeed Hussain, Male' Municipality Khaassa Dhaftharu No. 2571. This order has obstructed an on-going bribery investigation by the Maldives Police Services, and impinges on the legal mandate of the Maldives Police Services and the Prosecutor General.

Hence, pertaining to the fact that ensuring that all State institutions are able to function as per the Constitution and laws is an obligation vested in me under Article 115 subsection (a) and subsection (c) of the Maldivian Constitution, I hereby urge you to declare Supreme Court Order no. 2018/SC-SJ/02 as null and void.