

Excellencies

Distinguished Participants

Ladies and Gentlemen

We would like to highlight thank UN APCICT to its engagement with us over the last few years.

We are delighted to report the continued technical and capacity building support we have received from UN APCICT and its direct contribution to our digital agenda.

In particular, we would like to highlight the support we have received in drafting our Privacy and Personal Data Protection regime. UN APCICT has supported in reviewing updating the draft law for privacy and personal data protection. In addition, UN APCICT has conducted specialized capacity building webinars and programmes. This includes:

High-Level Briefing on Digital Government for Maldives in June 2021

High-Level Briefing on Data Protection and Privacy for Senior Government Officials of the Maldives in October 2021

Webinar on Data Protection and Privacy for Media/Information Officers and Journalists of the Maldives in November 2021

In addition, UN APCICT continues to support our Ministry through invitation to number of it capacity building programmes including the programme on Introduction to Digital Government Leadership for Senior Level Officials of Maldives in 2020.

We now look forward to the Regional Launch of the Capacity Building Programme on Frontier ICTs for Sustainable Development. As we have heard in this forum frontier IR4 technologies are central to digital

development towards addressing national, regional and global challenges of today and tomorrow. We note the gracious invitation to our Ministry to this event and confirm our commitment to work with UN APCICT with this programme and its future events.

We also note the wonderful programming by UN APCICT on capacity building of digital leaders in government but also highlight the programmes on Women in Technology and further note the importance of digital for climate change mitigation and adaptation and the use of frontier technologies in digital development.

We would like to thank UN APCIT and its Director Kiyoung and his team for their continued support to the Maldives and our Ministry.

Thank you.