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Akiko Fujii,
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Dear Ms. Fujii:

Subject: Request for UNDP Direct Implementation

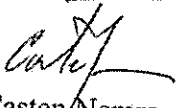
I would like to acknowledge UNDP's support to the drought recovery effort in Republic of Marshall Island through the "Drought Recovery and Resilience in RMI" Project.

Due to the limited timeframe of this project, the need for immediate mobilization of activities and the heavy burden of recovery work already undertaken by Government, I would like to request that this project is directly implemented by UNDP.

I look forward to the successful implementation of this project in collaboration with your partners, South Pacific Commission (SPC) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) to assist in building drought resilience of communities in RMI. All of us aim to have a successful project that will be sustainable in terms of food production and security. The RMI has identified Namu Atoll and Aur Atoll, two of the atolls that were affected by the drought, as the pilot sites for the project. Community empowerment is critical for resilience and sustainability. We are hopeful that such project will augment the needs stated.

We look forward to working with you. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,


Casten Nemra
Chief Secretary
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