**Format for Mid the Term Evaluation of the Achievement of Sector Outcomes of the Strategic Action Plan (2009 – 2013) of the Government of Maldives**

*(Pls. state the name of the Sector)* **Sector**

1. **Sector Overall Progress (500 words)**

***{A description of the extent to which the Sector Outcomes as specified in the policy goals were realized in the period under review}***

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| The adoption of a new, democratic constitution in 2008 transformed the institutional and legal framework of the country. Breaking with the no-party system in Maldives prior to 2008, the new Constitution included a comprehensive bill of rights and created an environment conducive to ratification and domestication of the most important international human rights treaties. The Constitution provided for a comprehensive process of review of domestic laws. Yet early reviews undertaken by Parliament immediately after the adoption of the Constitution have not been followed through and no consistent effort on domestication of international obligations has been pursued. Whilst considerable and laudable progress has been made, much still remains to be done.  Overall, there has been considerable and laudable progress in the rule of law sector since 2008: In a nut-shell;   * A significant amount of key legislations have been passed by the Parliament * The legislative process in Parliament has generally respected international and constitutional standards. While government action has respected the Constitution and legislation in the area of economic management, political expediency has often resulted in violations of the law in other areas. * Management of the rule of law sector has dramatically improved over the last couple of years. For example, measures have been taken to strengthen autonomous administration of the institutions * Significant progress has been made in reforming the criminal justice system. Police officers, for example, have undergone extensive training in human rights and public order management. * Judicature Act and Judges Act is in place and the court hierarchy and jurisdictions have been re-defined; * Despite notable efforts in better policing, crime has been steadily increasing since, driven principally by drug abuse. * The public has become more aware of the formal justice mechanism although access to justice is limited to the wealthy elite and the educated. * Over the past years, donors have improved their coordination efforts, as has government. However, the impact of these efforts is limited by the absence of an effective, sectoral, strategic plan. * etc   Nevertheless, much remains to be done, and long-term commitment is needed from government to embed reforms, and enact further, critical improvements to the country’s rule of law and justice system. Challenges include the need:   * to ensure that all statutory and customary laws of Maldives are aligned to the Constitution and to international law; * to match the respect shown for internationally agreed economic management strictures with an equal respect for the law in all other matters, including political; * to strengthen the prosecution service in the light of steadily rising crime levels; * for various further reforms in the criminal justice system, including regard to legal guarantees of fair trial, and in terms of prison conditions; * to improve access to justice for ordinary citizens, including the urgent call for a legal framework to govern customary forums through which the vast majority of Maldivians access justice; and * for a sector-wide approach for the coordination of development assistance in the sector. * etc |

* 1. **Progress on Key Sector Outcomes**

***{For each sector outcome briefly describe the achievement made and the extent to which implementation was carried out as envisaged by the Strategies / Intervention List of the SAP. If there were any deviations what were they and the causes}***

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| Outcome | | Progress | Issues |
| 1. | Human Resources capacities developed in the legal, law enforcement and judicial spheres | Human Resources capacity building initiatives were carried out in 2009 and 2010 as well. Three attorneys have been given scholarships to complete Master of Laws (LL.M) in New Zealand. A total of 12 attorneys obtained short term legal trainings in Singapore in 2010. Six attorneys obtained specialized trainings overseas and 17 attorneys completed language refresher courses in-house.  Lexis-Nexis was subscribed to the Attorney General’s Office to allow attorneys to do extensive legal research in the absence of a Law Library at the Attorney General’s Office. An in-house library is hoped to be established within the course of 2011 and 2012. | Budgetary limitations  Lack of in-house capacities to organize more programs to build capacities |
| 2. | Law Reforms Promoted | Revised set of Laws and Regulations in Maldives will be published by the end of 2011. The work will be outsourced and work is currently in progress.  AGO cases is hoped to be published on the AGO website by the end of 2011. No discussions of a wider law reporting system for the Maldives is yet in place. |  |
| 3. | Expeditious Processing of Court Cases |  |  |
| 4. | Access to Justice Enhanced | AGO employed contract lawyers to attend the courts in the islands and atolls in 2009 and 2010. Most of these contract lawyers were from the atoll / island offices and lacked legal training. Due to the difficulties with that system, AGO currently sends its lawyers from its office in Male to attend court hearings in the atolls.  All cases are 100% attended by AGO attorneys at all levels of courts in Male’, and also in the islands.  Establishing Provincial offices of AGO is not a feasible option due to the limited number of cases in the island courts. Much so with the establishment of the island and atoll councils, they have the statutory mandate to receive and lodge claims in any court of law in the Maldives.  Since 2009, AGO provides legal aid in a limited number of cases, under a legal aid rule. This rule is an administrative guide used by AGO and is not a regulation. The Legal Aid Bill is expected to be drafted and submitted to the Parliament within the second quarter of Parliament 2011. The legislation will establish the independent public defender’s office. |  |
| 5. | Enhanced awareness of Legal/Judicial process among the public |  |  |
| 6. | Accountability of law enforcement agencies, legal sector and judiciary increased and mechanism established for public to file complaints |  |  |
| 7. | Interagency coordination between law enforcement, legal and judicial institutions established |  |  |
| 8. | Law enforcement agencies reformed to respond to increased criminal offences and to address emerging law and order situations |  |  |
| 9. | Evidence based investigation, prosecution and sentencing, increased |  |  |

* 1. **Institutional Achievements in relation to the Sector Outcomes**

**{Briefly d*escribe the role of key institutions in relation to the key sector outcomes and their achievements*}**

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| Name of Institution(s) | | Major Responsibilities towards outcomes | Achievement |
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1. **Overall Assessment of Sector Performance related to key aspects**

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| Operational Progress (300 words)  ***{Explain the Extent to which implementation was carried out as envisaged by the Strategies / Intervention List of the SAP. If there were any deviations why was this and what where they}*** |
| Limited Implementation of the strategies / intervention list due to lack of in-house capacity and budget. |
| Financial Performance (200 words)  **{*To what extent was the budget allocation utilized and if budgetary shortfalls were encountered what were the likely causes what impact did it have in regard to pursuing the Strategies / Intervention List of the SAP*}** |
| Budget allocation was completely utilized at the end of 2009 and 2010. The strategies in the SAP was not incorporated into the AGO action plan for the year due to the lack of in-house capacity. |
| Institutional Linkages (100 words)  **{If *any institutional linkages were expected to be developed during the implementation, to what extent were they achieved. If not what were the main causes and what was the affect on the implementation.*}** |
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| Sustainability (100 words)  **{*To what degree could the operational aspects; including institutional linkages if any can be carried forward and describe any essential criteria required to facilitate this*}** |
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**3.0 Key Issues encountered**

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| *Institutional (200 words)*  ***{Discuss the Strategic position of the Lead Agency and how it affected the Implementation of Strategies/ Operational Performance}****:* |
| No lead Agency Identified |
| *Implementation (200 words)*  **{*Matters relating to implementation finances, human resources, monitoring and oversight*}** |
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| *Environmental : (100 words)*  **{*Environmental 9including Operational aspects) aspects which were encountered and need to be addressed*}** |
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| *Political (100 words)*  **{*Political considerations encountered and to be addressed*}** |
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| *Socio/ Cultural (100 words)*  **{*Socio Cultural considerations encountered in respect of operation and implementation*}** |
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| *Gender (100 words)*  **{*Gender related issues encountered during operation and implementation*}** |
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| Statistical and Data Collection (100 words)  **{*All the data sources used. Other factors which surfaced in the operation and implementation*}** |
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1. **Lessons Learnt (300 words)**

**{Discuss the Lessons Learnt in the process of carrying out interventions relevant to realization of the Sector Outcomes as specified in the SAP. Focus on the involved agencies and other stakeholders (including beneficiaries) and their willingness and capability to continue the interventions. If not what additional measures would need to be taken to strengthen them}**

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1. **Partnerships (200 words)**

**{*Describe any partnerships established with a donor, private sector of civil society organization to achieve an outcome(s)*}**

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1. **Follow-up Actions & Recommendations (400 words)**

**{Recommendations for strengthening, reorienting and/or revising the implementation mechanisms and strengthening the key agencies and other stakeholders for achieving Sector Outcomes in future periods}**

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