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Comments from the Netherlands—Approval by Mail: SREP Maldives: Accelerating Sustainable Private Investments in Renewable Energy (ASPIRE) IBRD

Dear CIFadmin, dear Gevorg,

Many thanks for the reply to both our questions related to the ASPIRE project in the Maldives.

The approach to private sector engagement is now clear to us. Thank you very much. Regarding gender, the response does not clarify how the project will reach women in particular. For example, when talking about reduced tariffs by using PVs, it is not clear if women headed households and other such venerable groups will receive reduced tariffs or support for covering the up-front charges. When talking about training, in the first para it says that women "can" be trained. We would prefer "shall be trained". Furthermore it would be good to make reference to specific indicators to track the number of women benefiting from the intervention (women headed households, number of women entrepreneurs benefiting from reduced tariffs, reduction in violence experienced, etc.). Can you please inform us if these additions would be acceptable to the project proponents?

Best regards,

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