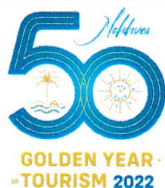




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HRCM's comments to Draft Matrix of proposed technical assistance support for the implementation of priority recommendations shared by National Counter Terrorism Centre

#	Current Activities Proposed by Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)	Proposed Modification(s)	Justification(s)
1	(4) Recommendation: develop a standard operating procedure (SOP) and necessary guidelines and regulations for the National Reintegration Center and ensure that employees of the facility are familiar and aware of the SOP and necessary guidelines and regulations before the initiation of placing people under state care at the facility.	To add an activity as recommended below: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It is recommended to include an activity to provide technical assistance in drafting and finalizing of the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), emergency response plan, and necessary guidelines before the initiation of placing people under the National Reintegration Center to ensure that the aforementioned documents are drafted in line with best practices.- In February 2020, National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) of the Commission conducted an inspection trip to the newly established National Reintegration Center upon the request of Maldives Police Service. After the visit, total of four recommendations were provided to the relevant state institutions including recommendations to develop Standard Operating Procedures.- In October 2020, once the center was declared as a facility for detention under state care, NPM conducted a follow up visit in early November 2020 to monitor the implementations of the provided recommendations. However, it was noticed that none of the recommendations were implemented. This includes recommendation to develop guidelines, regulations, standard operating procedures and emergency response plan.- In February 2022, NPM conducted a visit to the National Reintegration Center as per a request from Ministry of Home Affairs to monitor the center before its official functioning. It was informed that the standard operating procedure has been drafted and now in the process of legal review by Ministry	





		of Home Affairs. However, the drafted document has not yet been shared to HRCM.
2	<p>(6)</p> <p>Recommendation: Ensure oversight and transparency in the use of special powers by the police, in compliance with the relevant human rights obligations.</p> <p>Activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Capacity-building assistance for investigators working for the National Integrity Commission.- Support the National Integrity Committee and Strengthen the role of the “241 Committee” of Parliamentarians on National Security Services to ensure robust oversight and accountability of law enforcement agencies.	<p>To add an activity as recommended below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To include capacity building assistance for investigators working at the Human Rights Commission of the Maldives. The Commission is mandated to investigate cases under Law Number 13/2013 (Anti- Torture Act), whereby a police officer is accused of exercising special powers which resulted in the torture of a suspect or a detainee.

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