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Chairman Speaking:

Thank you. Now I would give the opportunity to honorable Girish Chandra Murmu, to address the committee. I apologize that we have few today here. I mean we had 8 members today out fourteen. But, one is very very sick, so he couldn't. And two of them are out of the country. So, I apologize for that. Please carry on.

Comptroller and Auditor General of India Mr. Girish Chandra Murmu Speaking:

Thank you, your excellency Mohamed Nashiz, Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee. Mr. Yaugoob Abdulla, Vice chair of the PAC. Honorable Member of Parliaments and the member of PAC. Indeed it is a pleasure here today to be with you. We were little bit delayed. I am sorry for that, we have certain problem in the morning because of the woot. We are really very happy that between the two supreme audit institutions we could signed an MoU yesterday. And that will take us very long in our mutual corporation, and also strengthening one another and drawing up on experiences from both the countries. Your excellencies, the country is you know, not small or big, it is an institution. It is a democratic institution you have, and we also have a democracy. That is the very common factor and we have a very common heritage and cultural ties first time memorial. I would like to reaffirm that India is always, you know respecting the valued neighbors, always we have an that policy and definitely we are very strong relation with the Maldives. Yesterday we had an agreement. This will give as come opportunity, not only to strengthen the institutions. As you have mentioned, the supreme audit institutions are created by the constitution, both in India and here also and empower under the various acts to assist the Honorable Parliament or the people's representatives which functions through various Committees. In India also we have Estimate Committees. We have got Public Accounts Committee. We have Committee on Public Sector Organization. Public Enterprises are there. So, the activities, the functioning or the financial management of those things are being audited by us and it is through these Committees. The accountabilities enforced in the parliament to the, So, that the executive, including the elected as well as the Civil Service, they are all call for their accounts there and that is where the CAG assist in India through various audit we have been carrying out, and perhaps those are very effective in maintaining transparency and good governance. The MoU we have exchange yesterday, and we have made a commitment, that we are learn that, here also the IT audit and use of technology has been taken up in a very right earnest and lot of progress has been made. We are also have experience and we are also time to time strengthening ourselves, how



to you know, develop protocols and methodologies to can IT audit more lowest or more meaningful. Similarly, we have also develop a protocol, and we have develop recently release some manual for Environmental and Recourse accounting. Environmental auditing is important for the substantial ability as global in a sustainable development goal and climate change have becoming an issue. whether it is an develop or developing country. Everybody is touched upon various issues, and we also been a large democracy also a big country, we have also different diversity. We have a developed area, we have an under developed area, we have different communities and ethnicities, there is a poverty and also we have local bodies. Honorable member is said, mentioned about that, the poverty, and the poor area. We have also got that area. Also, the local bodies, local self-government. We have large no of Panchayati raj institutions, and the urban municipalities. They also are to know how the recourses are been raised, how recourses has been managed, how expenditure is been managed, and what kind of plans and programs they required to implement for the benefit of the public. And we are also going to undertake that kind of audit. Earlier it was left to the local self-government and the state government. But we are giving them tactical guidance. But we are now planning to come full fledge. So, that the large amount been spend is spend properly, effectively for the benefit of the people. That's why a professional organization, or professional standard in our supreme audit institution are required. So, continuously we are striving to strengthen ourself. And we are part of the global community, the global organization the supreme audit institution. We have different Committees, different Forum to exchange the ideas. And we participate in something chair also. On that count, I would like to say that we have assured that will help how to the capacity building wherever it is required. I have invited the Auditor General and team to come India. On this occasion, I would like to also invite and suggest rather, the Honorable Committee to also come to India and see how the committees are functioning. So, that will give you and a proper know kind of an incite as in how in the democracy the Committee's rule and how effective and how it can be much more effective. So, these are the issues we have deliberated, and we extend our commitment in whatever way. And we have already invited them to come there. Even the training facilities are open. So, that training can be done. And as you, in the beginning you have mentioned about the project finances and project implementation, cost effectiveness. We have been doing, because we have large number of navaratnalu bills, large corporation public sector undertaking like you. Or NGC or else in the energy sector and in the infrastructure sector we are auditing now for the very long time. Also, we have been doing the



resource auditing in terms of auditing the mines and minerals. Also, we have been doing some kind of coastal regulation zones auditing also. We have a mandate as the constitution has given us, wherever the government money is been spent in largely, whether it is a board corporation, local body or even an anybody, the auditor general can get into this thing, and look into the activities and functioning, not only the policy point of view, but also from how it is being implemented effectively, we are able to do. I believe you have also a very roves framework here. The Auditor General has you know take and up these kinds of things. This will definitely add, a compliment a government functioning of a democracy to ensure each and every penny is spent properly, so of the benefit of the people. We are very fortunate today; we could meet you. We had to, we would like to hear from you, wherever we are required to do from our point of view or assist or any kind of an assistance, we are always there, that I reaffirm that we definitely standing behind you. Thank you.

Chairman speaking:

Thank you very much. It's a great honor to have you here today with committee and thank you for the invitation. And yes, we look forward to enjoy the and learn from the experience most probably we would get from the invitation that you have forwarded. I thank on behalf of the committee for the invitation. And I believe that through the experience from supreme auditing institution like in India, you could learn a lot in terms of accountability and value for money and how you hold the institutions and agencies accountable for the procurements and the projects that being undertaken on behalf of the government. So, that is an interesting area for us, and we look forward to get that experience. And I would now give the floor to our Auditor General honorable Hussain Niyazy.

Auditor General Hussain Niyazy speaking:

Thank you Chair and thank you members of the Public Accounts Committee for receiving Honorable Mr. Girish Chandra Murmu, Controller and Auditor General of India and the delegation from the CAG's office along with the High Commission delegations. We are very pleased to actually see that the Public Accounts Committee is a very active committee. And we have a very experienced MPs. And the support and the enthusiasm from the Public Accounts Committee members is one of the driving factors to that we incorporate in the audits. And we tried our best to work with Public Accounts Committee and address the concerns in the audits. so, and we also seen that



the Public Accounts Committee is very supportive of the work of the Audit Office including giving us the resources and we give the assurance that we will try our best to build the capacity and address the concerns of the Public Accounts Committee. And in fact the assurance from CAG's Office in building the capacity of the our office, is actually is an entitling factor that. So, that we can deliver our mandate and conduct better audits that are useful to the Public Accounts Committee and for the public is as well thank you so much.

Chairman Speaking:

Thank you, Auditor General. And I would like to highlight that, so far, the works that Public Committee has assign to our Auditor General had been carried out competently and in time. So, that even during the covid we had a very good working relationship with the Auditor General. So, we had certain reports come on time, and we were able to tackle certain sensitive issues in real time. So, that we could take the necessary measures and move forward. So, yes, we work very closely. And we try to maintain the independence of the supreme audit institution in Maldives. In Maldives, we Public Accounts Committee actually looks evaluates budgets of Auditor General office. And then the budget will be sent to the floor and passed. So, before the national budget is passed, Auditor General budget is already passed from the Parliament and it become part of the national budget. So, that is just to make ensure that our Auditor General office has an independent, without influence from the government in terms of budgetary issues. So, before we conclude our meeting and head to lunch, I would have gives opportunity to Members of the Committee to express their feelings. Honorable Abdulla Jabir, Kaashidhoo Constituency.

Member of Kaashidhoo Constituency Abdulla Jabir speaking:

Good morning. Now I believe, okay we are doing lots of audit reports, and no proper action has been taken, had been taken during the currency of long time in the past. I was a Public Committee chair; we did lots of reports that continuously doing. I found no improvement. The reason why we need to understand much expert people, much bigger audience of problems, and much bigger expertise. I Thank you very much that the availability from Indian professionals and the government are trying to educate our people, and our committee, and our government. I would like you to suggest, President Ibrahim Mohamed Salih and the team of government, Ministers. Of course, we are bringing budget here. Every time we deliberate lots of things in the budget. And we





make sure we are making accountable the government. The government is the most important party to make sure implement in accordance with Auditor General's decisions are the entities decisions to implement. And, but I don't see this is happening. So, why this is not happening. So, almost we have all the thieves who are making the decisions. So, all the thieves, and on more thief, all the thieves together they can't make any decisions. With dishonorable, dishonorable management is very dangerous. Because first of all, my believe we are tax payers money operating. Now we tax is implemented. So, the more important is now, I don't say which one is wrong. And where is going wrong. What I am saying we need to be more importantly to understand an education; of course, India was very lucky. English people, they came. They put systems. Sri Lanka was very lucky. They had some systems. We don't have any system because we were not under anybody. We were freedom country. So, today we need from Indian experts, how we can maintain leakages, government leakages, where we are borrowing money from are neighboring countries. Because we are not managing properly our finance. And this is what we have been telling for Finance Minister and President and everybody. We supported to bring this government because we want accountability to be at a maximum. Given the short time, I hope you understand my requirements, my request, Excellency. I am not a MDP member. I am DRP, and I am very much against to the system operating. Close by friendly countries also they should educate us going forward. Thank you once again. Thank you very much.

Chairman Speaking:

Honorable Ibrahim Shareef, Maradhoo Constituency.

Member Maradhoo Constituency Ibrahim Shareef Speaking:

Thank you Chair. In fact, as of now I will not repeat about the past. The Auditor General's Office is doing exemplary work. They contact audits in a timely fashion and our committee's work is being greatly helped by the assistance offered by the Auditor General's Office. Thank you, Auditor General, for that. And I am very happy that the Controller and Auditor General of India has offered assistance in training our Audit Office staff. I know it will go very far in carrying out their responsibilities. And I am also glad that you offered our committee for a visit India. I know that the way the Indian Public Accounting Committee operate. They have great experience. And in fact, we are a very young committee and until very recently we never had a properly functioning Public Accounting Committee in the Maldives. So, I am sure that we will learn a lot. And we look forward to go to India to gain experience from the very experienced expert committee of India. Thank you very much for giving this opportunity. Thank you.

Chairperson speaking:







capacity building programs, the defense and security partnership etc. What actually lies of the heart and soul of this India Maldives relationship today and what we the High Commission and the Ministry of External Affairs' as well as the broader government of India stands strengthen is, the strengthening of institution of democracy. Constitutional Authorities independent institutions like, the Auditor General office of the Maldives, and the CAG of India. Their collaboration actually strengthens the bilateral relationship and roots and strengthens democracy that we find today is vital. Not only for the countries themselves India and Maldives, but also, for the bilateral relationship. We find that the strengthening of these institutions, their collaboration is now is underpins the diplomatic relationship that we have. We have concluded several MoU's in the past. But we feel that with the visit of our Controller and Auditor General, one of the most important MoU's we have signed, the strengthening of these two independent institutions and their work. Well, I think lay the foundation for a most secure democracy, more secure democratic relationship between our two countries. That's pretty much what I wanted to say, and I also want you to thank you in advance for lunch. Thank you.

Chairperson speaking:

Thank you very much. So, I will conclude the meeting and we can had to lunch. Thank you very much once again.

