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Dear Mr. Zdechovsky,

Thank you again for all of your help with the situation in the Maldives. We value and appreciate your unique perspective on the situation, and your insights into the possibilities for moving forward.

**I am writing to you to inquire if you would be willing to visit the Maldives to meeting with senior members of the current Maldivian Government and assess the situation first-hand. We will be sending a small group of diverse MEPs on a three-day visit (flight and accommodations will be covered), where they will meet with administration members in an unofficial capacity. If you are willing to participate, please, can you let us know which dates would be acceptable for you? The trip must occur before the end of August (before the Maldivian elections).**

The situation in the Maldives is deteriorating. As you are well aware, civil liberties and freedom of expression are at an all-time low. This progressive Muslim-majority country is at risk of losing its democratic integrity. It is imperative that Europeans show solidarity with the Maldivian people, in order to give them hope about the future. We would greatly appreciate your participate in these efforts.

I urgently await your response and look forward to your further insights on this subject.

Sincerely,

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