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COMMERCIAL IN CONFIDENCE

Dear [redacted]

Re: Voluntary Contribution – The UN Global Fund for Coral Reefs (GFCR)

I am writing to confirm the details of the funding arrangement regarding the contribution of £1,800,000; one million, eight hundred thousand GBP towards The UN Global Fund for Coral Reefs (GFCR).

Following negotiations with the GFCR UN Global Team, and agreement on the strategic priority of the funding, the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs ("Defra") hereby offers a voluntary contribution to be administered to the United Nations Multi-Partner Trust Fund office ("MPFTO") for the GFCR, in accordance with the following schedule.

Schedule of payments	**Amount**
Upon signature of Addendum No. 8	GBP £1,800,000

The contribution term shall expire on 30th September 2026 (the "Contribution Period"). Defra contributions shall be utilised to support activities in countries eligible for Official Development Assistance (ODA), under the GFCR UN Fund. Financing will also be eligible for global costs as stipulated in the SAA schedule of payment.

This contribution does not give rise to contractual relations between Defra and the contribution recipient resulting in a public contract subject to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 or procurement Act 2023.

The address for notices of the Parties are:

Authority:

Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs,
2 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 4DF, United Kingdom.
Attention: [redacted]
Email: [redacted]

Contribution Recipient:

The UN Global Fund for Coral Reefs Secretariat
Attention: [redacted]
Email: [redacted]

Payment of Contribution

All payment request claims must be submitted by e-mail to Defra's International Sustainable Blue Finance Team, quoting the Contribution Reference Number above, to [redacted] (or other address notified to you from time to time for the purpose). The accompanying payment request should be in GBP.

The Defra's International Sustainable Blue Finance Team is responsible for checking and raising any queries about Contribution Claims submitted.

The contribution instalments will be transferred into the following The Recipients bank account:

[redacted]

Disbursements

Disbursement amount	**Target month, year**	**Subject to performance / KPIs?**
£1,800,000/ one million eight hundred thousand **GBP**	March 2026	N/A GFCR has scored 4 A's during Defra Annual Review process.

In the event of a funding gap, if additional funding is not available, the UN Global Fund for Coral Reefs will be entitled to amend, reduce, suspend and/or terminate the activities under the agreement. The accounting and administration of the funds will be made by the UN as per the UN financial regulations and rules and procedures.

Terms of Reference

The Associated Administration Agreement sets out legal position for this requirement and has legal standing. In order for Defra to monitor the effectiveness of its contributions it is necessary for us to detail some further terms of reference (not legally binding) as set out below:

1. The contribution is to be used solely in relation to the UN Global Fund for Coral Reefs activities and for no other purpose.

2. The finance for this programme will be accountable as Official Development Assistance and International Climate Finance (ODA/ICF). As ODA/ICF the funds will need to prioritise livelihoods, poverty alleviation and climate in ODA-eligible countries.

3. Appropriate and proportionate safeguarding measures are in place and will be maintained, including but not limited to the UN Global Fund for Coral Reefs Social

and Environmental Safeguarding Policy and PSEAH assessments for non-UN delivery partners. Defra and the UN Global Fund for Coral Reefs have a zero tolerance for inaction approach to tackling sexual exploitation and abuse ("SEA") and sexual harassment ("SH") and agree to the terms set out in Annex C, Section 3.

4. Defra will continue to be a member of the GFCR Executive Board as a representative of the United Kingdom, along with other GFCR donors. The responsibilities of the Executive Board include:

    a. Provide overall, global-level guidance and direction and agree on adjustments within provided tolerance levels;

    b. Assess the achievement of results in the context of the programme and national results/outcomes;

    c. Assess risks to the programme or project, and agree on management actions and resources to address them effectively; and,

    d. Identify and address operational issues of programme and project implementation, including those that could lead to revisions of the portfolio, or country programme or project if required.

5. You shall monitor the delivery and success of the programme to ensure that the aims and objectives of the contribution scheme are being met.

6. You will report at quarterly intervals[1], via the Executive Board and in line with the programme's annual reporting cycle for the duration of the programme. The programme will report on indicators detailed within the Defra Logframe.

7. You agree that no activity supported by this contribution will knowlingly bring Defra's name into disrepute.

8. You agree to ensure that Defra's contribution to the UN Global Fund for Coral Reefs will be spent only upon properly incurred expenditure as outlined in the GFCR Terms of Reference.

9. If you do not comply with any of the conditions and requirements of this contribution agreement, Defra may require all or part of the contribution to be repaid. The Parties acknowledge and agree that the UN Global Fund for Coral Reefs will only reimburse the amounts that the UN Global Fund for Coral Reefs has not spent/contractually committed and the amounts that the UN Global Fund for Coral Reefs has managed to recover from third parties, as set out in the SAA.

10. You shall not use any of the contribution to carry out any activities that could be constituted as in violation of the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council and nor shall you pay or contribute any unlawful subsidy to any organisation or individual.

[1] This will be provided via the ordinary and extraordinary executive board meetings and other updates.

11. Defra will comply with all and any data protection obligations, including under the retained UK law arising from the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679), the Data Protection Act 2018 to the extent that it relates to the processing of personal data and privacy and all applicable law (meaning any applicable law, statute, byelaw, regulation, order, regulatory policy, guidance or industry code, judgment of a relevant court of law, or directives or requirements of any regulatory body, delegated or subordinate legislation) relating to the processing of personal data and privacy, which arise in connection with this Agreement.

12. You agree that Defra and its Representatives may use Personal Data which you provide about your staff and partners involved in the previously agreed Funded Activities to exercise Defra's rights under this Agreement and/or to administer the contribution or associated activities. Furthermore, Defra agrees that You and Your Representatives may use Personal Data that Defra provides about its staff involved in the previously agreed Funded Activities to manage its relationship with the Authority.

13. In the event of a change of government or in policy direction, this contribution may be terminated by Defra with immediate effect by notice in writing, as set out in the SAA.

14. Nothing in this agreement shall be understood as a waiver of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations (of which the UN Global Fund for Coral Reefs is a part) under the Convention of Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations.

Additional Terms of Reference are detailed in Annex C below.

Yours sincerely

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Annex A – Project Proposal

As set out in the Administration Agreement.

Annex B – Additional Terms of Reference

1. Audit Arrangements

1.1. Financial records, including documentation to support entries on accounting records and to substantiate changes against contributions, will be maintained in accordance with The Contribution Recipient's usual accounting procedures, financial regulations, rules, policies, procedures and directives, including as to the retention period.

1.2. The programmes, projects and activities funded by contributions from Defra will be exclusively subject to the external and internal audit procedures provided for in the financial regulations, rules and policies of the Contribution Recipient's. The audit reports of the United Nations Board of Auditors, the UN Organisations' Independent External Auditor, are public documents and are available on the Board of Auditors' website. If an audit report of the United Nations Board of Auditors contains observations directly relevant to this contribution, the Contribution Recipient will advise Defra and provide it either with the relevant website locator address, or a copy of the report (if available) after the report has been transmitted to the General Assembly. If an internal report contains observations directly relevant to this contribution, the Contribution Recipient will advise Defra and provide it either with the relevant website locator address or a copy of the report (if available).

1.3. If Defra becomes aware of information that would indicate a need for further and closer scrutiny of activities funded by this contribution, Defra agrees to bring this information promptly to the attention of the Contribution Recipient:

1.3.1. The Contribution Recipient will, in accordance with its accountability framework and the Contribution Recipient's Rules, take such action as it determines is appropriate, in a timely, appropriate and effective manner;

1.3.2. At the sole discretion of the Contribution Recipient, actions under the previous sub-paragraph may include, without limitations, additional action by the Contribution Recipient's internal audit service;

1.3.3. In cases where the additional action entails an audit of a national institution or a NGO, the disclosure of the related audit report to Defra will be subject to the Contribution Recipient obtaining a written consent from the concerned entity, in accordance with ` Rules; and

1.3.4. In cases where the additional action entails an internal audit of the Contribution Recipient, where considered appropriate by the Contribution Recipient's internal audit office, it may retain the services of a private audit firm to provide any necessary services to assist the Contribution Recipient's internal audit office under the direct and sole supervision of the Contribution Recipient's internal audit office.

2. Aid Diversion

2.1. Aid Diversion is any event, including fraud, corruption, bribery, theft, terrorist financing, money laundering and other misuse of funds that prevents funds being directed to the outcomes or recipients intended.

2.2. Defra and the Contribution Recipient take note that each UN Organisation has a written policy on combatting fraud and corruption, with polices publicly available on the internet website of the respective organisation.

2.3. The Contribution Recipient will take all necessary precautions to prevent fraud, corruption, bribery, theft, terrorist financing, and other misuse of funds in line with the the Contribution Recipient's Rules, and in particular, its policies for combatting such conduct.

2.4. Defra and the Contribution Recipient have a zero tolerance approach towards Aid Diversion, including any inappropriate behaviour, and, subject to considerations of security, due process, and effective pursuit and recover actions, and respecting the privileges and immunities of the Contribution Recipient , will immediately and without undue delay inform each other of any event which interferes or threatens to materially interfere with this contribution, whether finance in full or part by Defra, including credible suspicions of Aid Diversion. The Contribution Recipient should assess credibility based on the source of the allegation, the content, and the level of detail or evidence provided.

2.5. Defra and the Contribution Recipient will inform each other of any credible allegation of Aid Diversion in the case of the Contribution Recipient by immediately contacting Defra's Fraud Risk Team fraudanderror@defra.gov.uk where all information will be treated confidentiality. Information can also be reported directly to the UK Government staff managing this contribution where appropriate.

2.6. The Contribution Recipient will take timely and appropriate action to investigate credible allegations of fraud and corruption in accordance with its accountability and oversight framework. To the extent that such an investigation confirms the allegation, will give due consideration to timely and appropriate sanctions in accordance with the Contribution Recipient's regulations, rules and procedures.

2.7. Defra and the Contribution Recipient will consider requests for co-operation with each other's investigations into credible allegations of fraud and corruption involving this contribution, subject always to their respective policies and procedures.

2.8. In the event that any part of the contribution is determined by the Contribution Recipient to have been lost to fraud, corruption, bribery, theft, terrorist financing, or other misuse of funds, such loss will be dealt with in accordance with the Contribution Recipient's Rules. Further, in respect of such amount of the contribution which the Contribution Recipient has been able to recover, such amount will be returned to Defra or, if Defra is completed dealt with as decided by the Contribution Recipient and Defra.

2.9. The Contribution Recipient will keep Defra informed through the mechanisms contemplated in their respective policies on combatting fraud and corruption, and to the extent this does not jeopardize the conduct of the investigation or prospects of recovery of funds, or the safety or security of persons or assets, of the progress of

any investigation involving fraud and corruption in relation to the contribution, actions taken and the results of the implementation of such actions, including where relevant, details of any recovery of funds.

2.10. Defra may request direct consultations at a senior level with the Contribution Recipient in order to obtain assurance that their oversight and accountability mechanisms have been and are fully applied in connection with such allegations.

2.11. Notwithstanding any provisions in this letter, Defra may recover from the Contribution Recipient all or part of the funds paid for under this contribution in the event of actual Aid Diversion.

3. Terrorism

3.1. Consistent with numerous applicable United Nations Security Council resolutions, including S/RES/1267 (1999), S/RES/1373 (2001) and related resolutions, the Participants are firmly committed to the international fight against terrorism and the financing of terrorism. It is the policy of the UK Government to seek to ensure that none of its funds are used, directly or indirectly, to provide support to individuals or entities associated with terrorism. the Contribution Recipient undertakes to use all reasonable efforts to ensure that this Contribution is not made available or used to provide support to individuals or entities associated with terrorism as designated by the United Nations Security Council sanctions regime list.

4. Safeguarding and the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation

4.1. Defra and the Contribution Recipient have a zero tolerance for inaction approach to tackling sexual exploitation and abuse (“SEA”) and sexual harassment (“SH”) and agree to the terms set out in Annex D.

4.2. In line with these terms, the Contribution Recipient will promptly report all allegations of SEA credible enough to warrant an investigation through the Secretary-General’s reporting mechanism (the “Report”). When the Contribution Recipient reports an allegation of SEA to, or becomes aware of an allegation reported through the Report that is i) directly related to the activities funded by this arrangement or ii) would have a significant impact between the Contribution Recipient and DEFRA, the Contribution Recipient will promptly notify DEFRA at ODA.Safeguarding@defra.gov.uk .The Contribution Recipient will report allegations of sexual harassment measures taken through existing reporting mechanisms. Where the Contribution Recipient has determined that allegations of sexual harassment would have a significant impact on relationship between the UN Global Fund for Coral Reefs and DEFRA, the UN Global Fund for Coral Reefs will promptly notify DEFRA at ODA.Safeguarding@defra.gov.uk

4.3. The Department or any of its duly authorised representatives may at all times carry out reviews, evaluations or other control measures to verify, the UN Global Fund for Coral Reefs ’s zero tolerance for SEAH. The UN Global Fund for Coral Reefs shall fully cooperate with the Department or any of its duly authorised representatives or agents to carry out such control measures.

5. Transparency

5.1. The UN Global Fund for Coral Reefs recalls that it has adopted and implemented the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) standard and will work with Defra and international partners to continue to develop that standard. In consideration thereof, Defra will make the utmost use of available data prior to seeking additional information or reports from , the UN Global Fund for Coral Reefs in accordance with the provisions of this contribution, so that the investments made by the UN Global Fund for Coral Reefs into the IATI initiative are optimized.

5.2. The Partner will publish information in line with the IATI standard on all activity disbursements and expenditures provided by this contribution and encourage its host government, vendor and/or civil society implementing partners to do likewise using the relevant IATI identification number.

5.3. The UN Global Fund for Coral Reefs gives consent for all funding provided by Defra for this contribution to be published on Defra's website.

5.4. The UN Global Fund for Coral Reefs acknowledges that this contribution may be published on a public facing website, and that Defra shall disclose payments made against this contribution in accordance with the UK Government's commitment to efficiency, transparency and accountability.

6. Branding

Defra requests that the UN Global Fund for Coral Reefs :

6.1. complies with requirements of the Branding Manual below in relation to the funded activities; and

6.2. ceases use of the Funded by UK Government logo on demand if directed to do so by the Authority.

Branding Manual:



UKGovBrandingManual.pdf

Additionally, Defra will provide further guidance on use of the UK Aid logo in discussions with the UN Global Fund for Coral Reefs.

The Participants will collaborate and proactively look for ways to build support for development and raise awareness of Defra funding. The Partner will explicitly acknowledge Defra funding in written and verbal communications about activities related to the funding, to the public or third parties, including in announcements, and through use, where appropriate, of the "UK aid – from the British people" logo ('UK aid logo') in accordance with FCDO/Defra standards for use of the UK aid logo and future iterations thereof, unless otherwise approved in advance by Defra and in all cases subject to security and safety considerations of the Partner.

The Partner will provide a visibility statement using the template provided in Annex 2: UK Aid Visibility Statement of how and when they will acknowledge funding from Defra and where they will use the UK aid logo, which should be approved by Defra prior to the Partner releasing any public communications. The Partner will include reference to this in its progress reports and annual reviews.

The Partner may use the UK aid logo in conjunction with other donor logos, and where the number of donors supporting activities is such as to make co-branding impractical, acknowledgement of funding from Defra should be equal to that of other co-donors making contributions of equivalent amounts.

7. Due Diligence

7.1. In utilisation of the contribution, the UN Global Fund for Coral Reefs will exercise the same care in the discharge of its functions under this contribution as it exercises with respect to the administration and management of the rest of its own resources and affairs. This will include assessing the internal controls and systems of any downstream implementing partners in accordance with its standard procedures.

1. The UN Global Fund for Coral Reefs due diligence procedures shall align with the five DEFRA 'Assessment Pillars' – namely, Governance and Control (Global Fund for Coral Reefs will examine governance, fraud, risk management and ethics); Ability to Deliver (the UN Global Fund for Coral Reefs have stringent performance and programme management reviews/checks); Financial Stability (financial management and viability of partners will be continuously monitored and evaluated) downstream partners (the UN Global Fund for Coral Reefs will ensure partners are monitored, have clear and transparent management frameworks and contracts, and undergo fraud and corruption checks) and safeguarding.

8. Delivery Chain

8.1. The UN Global Fund for Coral Reefs will provide and maintain an up to date and accurate record of all its downstream partners in receipt of Defra resources.

8.2. This record forms the basis of the delivery chain risk map which should demonstrate the flow of funds from the initial source to end beneficiaries, and the risks and potential risks along the chain (for additional guidance, see Delivery chain mapping (guide for external Partner's). This record should include confirmation from the UN Global Fund for Coral Reefs that they have carried out due diligence on all its downstream partners.

8.3. As a minimum, Defra would expect to be provided with the name of the Global Fund for Coral Reef's Tier 1 downstream partner(s) and appropriate assurances that the UN Global Fund for Coral Reefs takes full ownership over the monitoring and risk management throughout the delivery chain at the point of execution of this contribution.

8.4. The delivery chain risk map should be updated regularly by the UN Global Fund for Coral Reefs and when there are material changes to the risk assessment associated with this Memorandum or to any delivery partner(s) in the chain.

8.5. The UN Global Fund for Coral Reefs will provide Defra, as a minimum, an update on the delivery chain risk map at the following intervals:

8.5.1. within 60 days of the start of the Contribution Period;

8.5.2. annually, as part of the annual review process, or more frequently where there are significant changes to downstream partners; and

8.5.3. at the conclusion of activities as part of the project completion review process.

9. Data Disaggregation

9.1. Disaggregated data is data on different groups of the population, for instance data broken down by gender, age, disability status and geography. Disaggregation helps Defra and the UN Global Fund for Coral Reefs understand who our programmes are reaching, and which groups are at risk of being left behind. This will be provided to Defra where possible.

9.2. As a minimum, the UN Global Fund for Coral Reefs is encouraged to collect results disaggregated by sex, age, disability status, geography wherever possible and relevant.

10. Risk Management

10.1. the UN Global Fund for Coral Reefs will develop and maintain an up to date risk register that enables individual risks to the achievement of this contribution to be clearly identified. The risk register should be owned by the UN Global Fund for Coral Reefs in line with its risk policy and include; a description of each risk; key mitigating actions; an assessment of their likelihood and impact pre mitigation and post mitigation; the trajectory and any changes since the last review; details of the risk owner responsible for monitoring, reporting and escalating each individual risk; and dates for the next review. The risk register should be shared by the UN Global Fund for Coral Reefs with Defra and discussed on a regular basis.

10.2. the UN Global Fund for Coral Reefs will manage all risks associated with the activities to which this contribution letter relates unless otherwise approved as part of the risk register and in writing with Defra. Where the UN Global Fund for Coral Reefs transfers risk to any downstream partner, the UN Global Fund for Coral Reefs will remain accountable to Defra for the effective management of that risk.

11. Assets and inventory

11.1. The ownership of programme or project-related assets paid for from this contribution shall be determined by reference to the UN Global Fund for Coral Reefs' rules. This will include establishing and maintaining an inventory of all such assets and, upon request, sharing the inventory with Defra.

12. Digital spend-

12.1. Defra defines digital spend as any external-facing service provided through the internet to citizens, businesses, civil society or non-government organisations. This includes any spend on web-based or mobile information services, websites, knowledge or open data portals, transactional services such as cash transfers, web applications and mobile phone apps.

12.2. The Partner will ensure that all digital spend related to this programme is carried out in a manner consistent with the Principles for Digital Development.

12.3. The Partner and its Downstream Partner(s) will notify the Defra programme team of any proposed digital spend prior to carrying out any digital activities. Defra programme team will consult with Defra's Digital Team.

Annex D: Tackling sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment

Defra and the Contribution Recipient agree to have a zero tolerance for inaction approach to tackling sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment ("SEAH")[2]. This means that the Contribution Recipient, and its Delivery partners, will take all reasonable and adequate steps to prevent SEAH of any person linked to the delivery of this Contribution Agreement by both its employees and any Delivery partner and respond appropriately when reports of SEAH arise.

The Contribution Recipient must apply the IASC Six Core Principles Relating to Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and the following principles and practices when implementing this Project and provide evidence to demonstrate this where required by Defra:

(a) Adherence to the IASC-Minimum Operation Standards and/or SEAH elements of the Core Humanitarian Standard on Quality and Accountability;

(b) A survivor-centred[3] approach to SEAH issues;

(c) Strong leadership and signalling on tackling SEAH;

(d) All reasonable and adequate efforts to address gender inequality and other power imbalances;

(e) Robust reporting to enhance accountability and transparency;

(f) Ensure that SEAH standards from this arrangement are reflected in Contribution documents and templates with Delivery Partners, for UN entities: by means such as, but not limited to, adherence to the United Nations Protocol on Allegations of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse Involving Delivery Partners.

2. The Contribution Recipient will adhere to the following reporting requirements:

(a) The Contribution Recipient will promptly contact through written notice to ODA.Safeguarding@defra.gov.uk to report any allegation credible enough to warrant an investigation of SEAH related to this Contribution Agreement.

(b) The Contribution Recipient should also promptly report to ODA.Safeguarding@defra.gov.uk any allegation credible enough to warrant an investigation of SEAH that are not directly related to this Contribution Agreement but would be of significant impact to the Project and or Authority.

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[2] See UNGA Resolution A/RES/73/148 for the definition of sexual harassment and UNSG Bulletin ST/SGB/2003/13 for the definition of sexual exploitation and abuse. Both definitions are included in the DAC Recommendation on Ending Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Harassment in Development Co-operation and Humanitarian Assistance: Key Pillars of Prevention and Response

[3] A survivor-centred approach is one for which the survivor's dignity, experiences, considerations, needs, and resiliencies are placed at the centre of the process, from the initial program design to investigating and responding to potential incidents. Consistent with the UN Protocol on Allegations of SEA Involving Implementing Partners, the survivor should be informed, participate in the decision-making process, and provide consent on the possible use and disclosure of their information. Those interacting with the survivor and/or handling information regarding the allegation must maintain confidentiality, ensure safety of the survivor, and apply survivor-centred principles which are safety, confidentiality, respect, and non-discrimination. When the survivor is a child, the approach must consider the best interests of the child and engage with the family/caregivers as appropriate. Staff and partners should comply with host country and local child welfare and protection legislation and international standards, whichever gives greater protection.

(c) The Contribution Recipient will report all allegation credible enough to warrant an investigation of sexual exploitation and abuse and, where relevant, the action taken, with regard to its governance and operations, regardless of the relation to this Contribution Agreement, to the Secretary-General's public reporting mechanism on SEAH.

3. The report, as referred to in paragraph 2.a and 2.b, will indicate, the nature of the alleged misconduct, date of alleged misconduct, date of first report to Grant Recipient, location, involvement of Delivery Partner, state of affairs concerning the investigation and the action that will be taken by the Grant Recipient, and whether the case is referred to law enforcement. The Contribution Recipient will provide updates on the status of the case. The notice will be given in writing and delivered to the point of contact mentioned in paragraph 2.a and 2.b.

4. It is understood and accepted that the Grant Recipient's agreement to report on SEAH is subject to not compromising the safety, security, privacy and due process rights of any concerned persons.

5. When the Contribution Recipient becomes aware of suspicions or complaints of SEAH, the Contribution Recipient will take swift and appropriate action to stop harm occurring, investigate and report to relevant authorities (for criminal matters) when safe to do so and after considering the wishes of the survivor.

6. Defra or any of its duly authorised representatives may at all times carry out reviews, evaluations or other control measures to verify the Grant Recipient's zero tolerance for SEAH. The Contribution Recipient shall fully cooperate with Defra or any of its duly authorised representatives or agents to carry out such control measures**.**