



THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

19 February 2009

Dear Foreign Minister,

Thank you for your letter of 3rd February 2009,

It is my honour to state that, after carefully reviewing the special circumstances relating to Kosovo, and mindful of the fact that a large number of countries have extended diplomatic recognition to the Republic of Kosovo, the Republic of Maldives, with Immediate effect, recognises the Republic of Kosovo as an independent and sovereign state. The Government and the people of the Republic of Maldives wish the Government and the people of the Republic of Kosovo peace, prosperity and happiness.

I look forward to an opportunity of meeting Your Excellency in the near future.

Please accept Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely

Ahmed Shaheed

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