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Special Procedures Branch  
Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures and Right to Development Division  
Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Via email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Thank you for your outreach to Marriott International dated 22 December 2020, regarding a potential development in the Chandrapahar area of the Bandarban District in Bangladesh. We have begun to look into the matter and appreciate the opportunity to respond.

As stated in our Human Rights Policy, Marriott International acknowledges and respects the principles contained in the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights. We are committed to conducting our business in a manner consistent with these principles and to respect human rights within the company's sphere of influence.

Based on our business model, Marriott International typically has no role in land acquisition matters; it either manages or franchises a hotel that is owned by a third-party developer and operated under a Marriott brand. Marriott has not been, and will not be, involved in matters relating to the leasing, transfer of ownership, or other agreements regarding the land in question. Marriott has engaged in discussions with the developer, R&R Holdings Limited, about a potential hotel on this site but does not have a binding agreement whereby a future hotel would be Marriott-managed or branded.

We remain in an exploratory phase and have not made a determination as to whether we will have any involvement with this project. Any use of our brands or marks in affiliation with this development was done without our consent and we understand they have been removed from the site. We have also raised the issues you brought forward with leadership at R&R Holdings Limited who pledged to look into them and provide further information.

We appreciate you bringing this matter to our attention. We will continue to monitor these important issues and give them serious consideration as we review the additional information from R&R Holdings Limited.

Thank you again for your outreach and the opportunity to respond.

Sincerely,



Neeraj Govil