

Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights

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Dear Mr. Giscard d'Estaing,

I have the honour to address you in my capacity as Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights, pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 44/13.

I write to you in reference to the joint [communication of 26 March 2021](#), regarding the alleged human rights violations and abuses committed in the implementation of the Mandalika urban development and tourism project. I am thankful for your [comprehensive reply dated 21 May 2021](#) and for the constructive dialogue and exchange of information we have had as a follow up to my [communication of 8 March 2022](#).

I am encouraged by the fact that Club Med has shown a strong commitment to human rights and a serious engagement with the communications procedure of the Special Procedures of the United Nations Human Rights Council through its reply, calls and sharing of information.

I appreciated that Club Med terminated the Club Med Lombok Resort project in the Mandalika on 19 November 2019 and that, since then, it has shown a reiterated commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights. From our side, contacts have continued with the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) as well as with partners on the ground to assess the evolution of the situation and the measures to be taken to address the concerns of the local communities in the Mandalika.

On this basis, in view of the initial response to the communication and the developments mentioned above, I have concluded that the involvement of the Club Med Group is no longer required.

I wish to remind Club Med that any development plans should aim at the constant improvement of the well-being of all persons, consistent with the Declaration on the right to development, as well as focus on empowering local communities and enhancing their livelihoods and participation in decision-making. Human rights and the rule of law need to be respected and promoted.

This communication and any comments you may want to submit will be made public via the communications reporting [website](#) after 60 days. They will also subsequently be made available in the usual report to be presented to the Human Rights Council.

Please accept, Mr. Giscard d'Estaing, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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