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Dear Ms Phua,

**RE: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PAPUA NEW GUINEA TO JOIN THE INTERNATIONAL CORAL REEF INITIATIVE (ICRI) MEMBERSHIP**

On behalf of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, let me express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabi for the collaboration and partnership in the International Coral Reef Network.

Papua New Guinea is recognized as a key part of the Coral Triangle region commonly known as the Amazon of marine life in the world hence we have been actively involved in the protection and conservation of coral reefs and other critical ecosystems in the country.

Our nation is committed to the protection of these vital marine ecosystems, and we strongly believe the partnership and becoming a member of the International Coral Reef Initiative will be instrumental in fostering our biodiversity conservation goals. This Partnership will significantly enhance our scientific understanding of our remote and pristine ecosystems, which in turn will inform and strengthen our Marine Protected Areas network and sustainable resource management policies.

We eagerly await your positive response and look forward to the collaboration and partnership going forward.

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Yours Sincerely,



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