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Dear Ms. Brooks,

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS AND STRATEGIC ACTION PROGRAM (SPA) FOR THE LAKE VICTORIA BASIN

Thank you for sending us a copy of the updated GEF proposal, which I now has been revised based on the decisions of the 15th RPSC meeting. As a country, we believe the project outputs will immensely contribute to satisfactory design of Lake Victoria Environmental Management Project (LVEMP2).

Kenya would have no objection to having Rwanda and Burundi participate in the preparation of the Trans-boundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA) of the Lake Victoria Basin whose aim will be the development of a Strategic Action/Investment Program that will address key environmental issues, poverty alleviation and creation of wealth for the people.

As the GEF focal point for Kenya, and on behalf of the Government of Kenya, I wish to confirm that we support the project and consequently wish to request that the World Bank do request the Global Environmental Facility

effort to grant Kenya and the other Partner States US\$ 1,000,000 for projects which will achieve the desired outcome. It is expected that \$ 550,000 will go towards the development of Trans-Hemispheric Strategic Action Plan, while the remainder will go towards preparation of a Strategic Action Plan.

It is our understanding that the Trans-Horizon Partnership will continue the Interim Strategic Action Plan until the long-term planning process is completed during 2004-2005.

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Sincerely,

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