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Dear Mr. Sakaguchi,

**SUBJECT: ENDORSEMENT OF THE DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR THE
NATIONAL CAPACITY NEEDS SELF-ASSESSMENT (NCSA) FOR
GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROJECT**

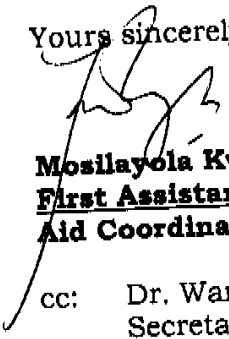
On behalf of the Government, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge your continued efforts in supporting the Government to pursue its development objectives and challenges. The NCSA project is found to be one very important initiative that will definitely identify capacity constraints within Government in implementing the various Multilateral Environment Agreements (MEAs). Given its significance, I write to formally endorse the draft Project Proposal for submission to GEF for final approval and funding.

I can firmly assure you that the project is very timely and it is in line with the Government's Medium Term Development Strategy (MTDS 2003-2007) on improved environmental governance as it is one of the crucial requirements of the national sustainability strategies pursued by the Government. I am also confident that the project can assist the Government in implementing most of its long outstanding multilateral conventions such as the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) that was signed on 16 December 1975 and several other MEAs.

In addition, the implementation of the above project will certainly assist policy makers in identifying and articulating capacity constraints at the national level thereby proposing appropriate recommendations necessary for taking remedial actions. As the project will be fully country-driven, I would be pleased to see increased participation from NGOs, CBOs and relevant stakeholders in Government and the private sector.

In this regard, I would also like to acknowledge the important contributions UN funded projects play at both national and community levels and look forward to the same cordial working relations but more enhancing in the years ahead.

Yours sincerely,



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