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To: The UNDP Resident Representative, Maputo- Mozambique

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Maputo, 17th May 2005

SUBJECT: Endorsement of the "Coping with Drought and Climate Change" Project

Dear UNDP Resident Representative,

On behalf of the Government of Mozambique and, in my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point, I hereby endorse the "Coping with Drought and Climate Change" PDF B Project Proposal, which will be presented through the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) to the Global Environment Facility for funding.

For Mozambique the proposed Project is of high priority because the country is prone to drought, floods and cyclones, what results on land degradation, loss of biodiversity and severe social and economic impacts affecting the local communities and others relying on agriculture and husbandry.

We believe that this initiative will assist on going activities in Mozambique and other participating countries, in the field of adaptation to future climate change. It is our expectation that the proposed project will level the ground for the preparation and implementation of a full GEF Project targeting adaptation to climate change as well as prevention and control of land degradation, through the implementation of concrete projects in affected areas. Thus it will contribute to poverty alleviation and assist our countries on meeting the NEPAD and sustainable development goals.

Looking forward for your kind consideration of this valuable initiative,

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Sincerely

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