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LETTER OF APPRECIATION

I write on behalf of the Department of State for Forestry and Environment, the host Ministry of the Climate Change in The Gambia, and in my capacity as the Chair of the LDC Expert Group to express the sincere appreciation of the climate change community in The Gambia and the LDCs for the tremendous efforts of your institutions in building the capacity of LDCs towards effective implementation of the Climate Change Convention.

I wish to repeat here my reflections in the oral statement I delivered to the participants of the Workshop in Nairobi that we in the LDCs appreciate the fact that since the Marrakech Accords were adopted at COP 7 in 2001 your institutions are the only ones that are implementing items (other than the NAPA Preparation) of the LDC Work Program under Article 4.9, particularly strengthening the negotiation skills of LDC Parties.

As a senior negotiator from non-Annex I as head of the Gambian Delegation since 2000, I am very much impressed with the seriousness taken by both Annex I and non-Annex I negotiators on the Oxford Fellowship Programme and Colloquium. I was privileged to participate in the 2006 Oxford Fellowship and appreciated the achievements that continued to have positive effects on the negotiations at COP 12 in Nairobi.

It is my wish and that of my colleagues from the LDCs that such cooperation and collaboration continue in the future.

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