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Dear Madam,

UNDP REGIONAL ENERGY PROGRAM FOR POVERTY REDUCTION

I am pleased to advise you that the Government of Tokelau has kindly endorsed the UNDP Regional Energy Program for poverty reduction.

This should also confirmed that the targeted beneficiary of this program will fully support the establishment and implementation of the Tokelau National Energy Policy and Strategic Action Plan which was funded by UNDP.

In addition to that, my government has realized that the rapid increase in energy prices have clearly indicated that the era of cheap and abundant energy, especially oil, is over. That is why the critical dependence of small economies such as Tokelau on energy in various forms, especially electricity, emphasizes the need for efficient use of energy resources through out the country.

As a result, during the beginning of the year 2004, our new objective is to improve system reliability through process implementation. This clearly defines achieving three distinct goals. First, the Department of Energy will implement the National Energy Policy and Strategic Action Plan to provide safe, reliable and economically sound utility services. Secondly, we will strive not to fail in serving the electrical needs of our people. The third distinct goal is to focus our energy development on the application of renewable technology such as Solar Photo Voltaic and to plan for the replacement of all conventional power generations with renewable technology. Our mission statement proclaims these goals, and we look forward to achieve our goals through the implementation of the UNDP Regional Energy Programs.

Finally, UNDP Samoa is currently playing an important role in the development and implementation of energy projects in Tokelau. I should therefore like to take this opportunity to thank you for your most invaluable and continued support that will inevitably provide sustainable energy for the people and the government of Tokelau. We strongly support for the project to be managed from UNDP Apia, Samoa.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long, sweeping tail that curves upwards and to the right.

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