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Dear Ms. Yu,

LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE UNDP'S REGIONAL ENERGY PROGRAMME FOR POVERTY REDUCTION

This letter serves to formally convey the Government of Samoa's endorsement and support for the final Project Document for the Regional Energy Programme for Poverty Reduction (REP-PoR).

The proposed regional energy programme which aims to contribute towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) focus on broad-based interventions in the three thematic areas of:

- 1) improving access to energy services;
- 2) promoting efficient use of energy; and
- 3) increasing access to financing for sustainable energy.

These are also in line with the Strategy for the Development of Samoa (SDS) and will be beneficial to our regional and respective national developments. We see this programme as having the potential to complement related regional and national energy activities in particular the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Program for the Pacific (REEP), the Regional Pacific Islands Renewable Energy Project (PIREP) and the recently approved Pacific Island Energy Policies and Strategic Action Planning (PIEPSAP) project of which the two latter projects are both managed by UNDP Samoa. To maximise coordination between related regional energy interventions, we support the recruitment and placement of a Programme Officer position for the Pacific Sub-region under the REP-PoR in the UNDP Samoa office.

On behalf of Government may I convey our sincere appreciation to the UNDP for the continued assistance extended to Samoa.

Looking forward to a successful project implementation.

Yours sincerely,

Hinauri Petana
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Cc: The Chief Executive Officer, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

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