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Dear Sir,

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: PARTICIPATION OF TANZANIA IN THE UN
REDD PROGRAMME UNDER QUICK START INITIATIVE**

The Forest and Beekeeping Division of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism is responsible for forest management in Tanzania, including REDD measures (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation). I have been appraised of the UN REDD Programme, led by UNDP, FAO and UNEP, aimed at assisting developing countries to improve preparedness for REDD. I understand that a Quick Start Initiative will be supported by the Government of Norway, taking early actions towards REDD in six countries, with immediate effect. I have discussed the scope and content of this Programme with colleagues from UNDP, the Government of Norway including experts in the REDD process.

The Ministry is very pleased that Tanzania is being considered for inclusion in the Programme as one of the six Quick Start countries. In principle, we agree to participate in Quick Start, along with our potential partner countries (Bolivia, Panama, DRC, Indonesia and Papua New Guinea) as well as members of the UN REDD support Group (UNDP, UNEP, FAO and the government of Norway). I am looking forward to learning more about the Programme, on the roles of the different partners in advancing REDD in Tanzania. We understand that if included in the initiative, all ensuing Quick Start support activities will be nationally driven and will build upon our existing forest management programmes, including the Participatory Forest Management initiatives in the Eastern Arc Mountains, Coastal Forests and Miombo Woodlands.

We look forward to a fruitful collaboration in the implementation of this initiative.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Felician Kilahama'.

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