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Ministry of Science and Technology
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To
German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
Germany

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Maputo, 15th of December, 2008

Subject: Letter of Support to the Technical University of Munich

Dear Sir / Madam,

The Ministry of Science and Technology of Mozambique (MCT) presents its compliments to your Excellency and has the honor to submit this letter of support on behalf of the Technical University of Munich, Germany. In the quest to fulfill its mandate, the MCT is involved in a range of activities aimed at developing the area of sciences, promoting technology transfer, supporting innovation, as well as training and developing human resources in Mozambique. These activities are crucial for strengthening the capacity of national institutions in the sector of science and technology (S&T).

To fulfill its mandate, MCT has enjoyed the support of its international cooperation partners, and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and a range of German institutions have been vital for the development of the S&T sector in Mozambique. Indeed, MCT and the Federal Ministry of Economy and Technology of Germany have signed, in November 2007, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) aimed at promoting economic and technological cooperation between the two countries.

Following the signing of the MOU, MCT received a delegation from the Technical University of Munich (TUM), in March 2008, which visited Mozambique with the goal of establishing cooperation platforms with relevant high education institutions in Mozambique. As corollary, the Eduardo Mondlane University (UEM), in Maputo, and TUM signed in September 2008, a MOU with the goal

of promoting joint academic collaboration, faculty / student exchange, and knowledge and technology transfer between the two sides. These areas of cooperation covered by the MOU between UEM and TUM are central to country's S&T and Innovation Strategy, approved by the Government of Mozambique, in June 2006.

As such, and upon the request of TUM, MCT has the honor to submit letter of support to TUM's intention of being approved to the triangular cooperation program supporting the collaboration between German, Brazilian and Mozambican institutions, and promoted by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

MCT is confident that such collaboration will contribute a great deal to strengthen the institutions of the Mozambican System of S&T and strongly recommends that the Technical University of Munich be accepted to be part of the triangular cooperation program promoted by DAAD.

The Ministry of Science and Technology avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest consideration.

Sincerely,



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