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Dear Mrs. Felicidade Munguambe,

By fax of 8 October 2002, you invited the Netherlands Commission for Impact Assessment to advise on guidelines for an Environmental Assessment of the proposed development of port facilities in the Chongoene coastal area, zoned for tourism development. It is my pleasure to submit herewith the advice prepared by a working group of the Commission.

During our work in Mozambique it has become clear that, with regard to decision-making on the transport option that will be chosen, all options are still open but that the time limits for decision-making must be taken into consideration. This information was very welcome, as the Commission had doubts about the wisdom of being forced to choose between the now proposed Alternative Export Option and the earlier considered Rail Link Option.

Seen the dearth of potential economic development activities in the region, the Commission is happy to submit the present advisory guidelines, which propose to engage in a rapid and concise Strategic Environmental Assessment process in which all relevant transport options in the southern Gaza province can be considered.

The Commission appreciates to remain informed about the use that is made of this advice.

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Chairman of the working group.

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