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Dear Tim,

Re: NRI COLLABORATIVE ARRANGEMENTS WITH EAC

The above subject refers:

The 8th Meeting of Council of Ministers held on 6th -9th September 2004 noted the continuation of maritime hazards on Lake Victoria and observed the need to involve organizations such as the National Rescue Institute (NRI) to compliment the objectives of enhancing safety of navigation on Lake Victoria in terms of search and rescue activities. The Council accordingly mandated me to handle administratively the issue of joint collaboration between NRI and the EAC. This was particularly in recognition of the support that NRI had received from the respective Ministries of Transport from the three Partner States.

The EAC Secretariat views the issues of safety of person on the Lake Victoria with great concern. We also join in supporting your organisational objectives and vision for providing education and training in maritime safety and environmental protection for all waters in the. This action will not only improve safety of navigation in the lake but will lead to attracting foreign investment, promoting tourism, creating development opportunities and poverty alleviation.

By this letter, therefore, the EAC affirms its commitment to support and collaborate with your organization in implementing joint activities. We look forward to working with you in order to improve safety of navigation on Lake Victoria.

Sincerely,

Hon. N Amanya-Mushega
Secretary General