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March 31, 1999

Ms. Marjorie Roman Salas  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
The Portals  
445-12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Amendment of AfriSpace, Inc.'s Application for Authority to Construct, Launch and Operate a Subregional Africa and Middle Eastern Satellite Sound Broadcasting Transmission System, File No. CSS-90-017 [IBFS File No. SAT-LOA-19900723-00002]; Amendment File No. SAT-AMD-19990125-00016 (Call Sign 52367)*

Dear Ms. Salas,


*I am writing this letter in support of AfriSpace's application to initiate a satellite broadcast system for Africa and the Middle East.*

*Pursuant to the fall of the military rule in 1991, Ethiopia has embarked on a bold experiment in political democracy and the liberalization of the economy. The Commercial Bank of Ethiopia, the largest commercial bank in the country, has spearheaded efforts in regards to implementing the reform and modernization of the financial sector, paving the way for complete deregulation of financial markets in the next few years.*

*A crucial corollary of financial deregulation is the introduction of modern systems of communication that enable effective communication with international institutions as well as with customers in remote rural areas of the country. I strongly believe that the communication technology offered by AfriSpace will greatly enhance our efforts to reach our customers and prospects in all corner of the country.*

*I therefore support AfriSpace's application most enthusiastically and wish them success in their noble endeavor*

Sincerely Yours,

  
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Patriarch of Ethiopia

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Dear Ms. Salas:

It is well known that Ethiopia is among the first communities to accept the Christian faith. The rare manuscripts, monasteries, and churches of Ethiopia attest to the wealth of Ethiopia's Christian heritage. The Ethiopian Orthodox Church stretches far beyond Ethiopia. Our churches in Jerusalem, in the Americas, and in the West Indies are famous sites of worship and pilgrimage.

The Church's work of bringing the Gospel to the faithful here and elsewhere can be greatly eased by access to modern communication technology. Likewise, the Church's important mission to better the earthly well-being of individuals and communities, particularly the poor, can be carried out more effectively through advanced means of communication.

The Ethiopian Orthodox Church's mission to minister to the eternal and earthly needs of humanity will be helped by the communication system proposed by AfriSpace.

I recommend approval of AfriSpace's innovative proposal.

God bless you and your efforts



Handwritten signature of Abba Paulos