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Dear Ms. Salas

Re: In the Matter of Application of AfriSpace Inc., for Authority to Launch and Operate a Satellite Sound Broadcasting Transmission System, File No. CSS-90-017 (IBFS File No. SAT-LOA-19900723-00002]; Amendment File No. SAT-AMD-19990125-000016 (Call Sign 52367)

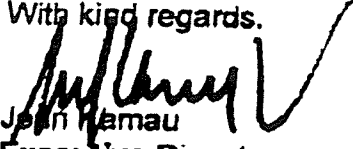
The Federation of Women Lawyers in Kenya wishes to extend its support and approval of AfriSpace System which will provide satellite sound broadcasting to Africa and the Middle East.

The Federation of Women Lawyers is non-profit, non-political and non governmental organization of women lawyers committed to the enhancement of the legal status of Kenyan women through legal services, monitoring women's rights, lobbying, advocacy education and referral. FIDA Kenya implements this broad mandate through a number of programmes on legal services, women's rights monitoring and report writing, gender violence/legal awareness, paralegal training and training and outreach activities to the general public. FIDA Kenya is concerned with all violations of human rights including denial of freedoms guaranteed through the Universal Declaration of Human Rights among them freedom of speech, freedom from violence and impediments to inheritance, particularly as they relate to women.

FIDA Kenya is extremely interested in utilizing the AfriSpace System to advance its activities. The AfriSpace System could be used to disseminate information to members and women in general; to communicate with counterparts in other Africa countries and; to support the organization's legal advocacy activities. The AfriSpace System will provide national and continental coverage that is not possible using traditional terrestrial broadcasting technology.

The AfriSpace System represents an important tool for organizations such as FIDA Kenya that seek to improve the status of women. Please take this into consideration when reviewing the AfriSpace application and approve its use for the good of women in Africa.

With kind regards.


John Hamau
Executive Director