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Re: Amendment of AfriSpace, Inc.'s Application for Authority to Construct, Launch and Operate a Sub-regional 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,

The United Nations Liaison Office with the Organization of African Unity wishes to express its support for the AfriSpace Inc. application that is currently pending before the FCC. The mission of the UNOCHA is to promote humanitarian action and policy coordination, advocacy and exchange of information on humanitarian issues. We have a wider collaboration with African Members States of the Organization in the exchange of information via the OAU forum.

Our Organization is extremely interested in utilizing a service such as the AfriSpace project in order to advise and participate in direct audio broadcasting transmission capabilities throughout Africa in so far as advocating for the proper understanding of humanitarian law is concerned. We would avail ourselves of such a system to develop and maintain communication with other field offices and development programs. We are also fully supportive of an enhanced provision of distance learning programming in Africa.

For the above reasons, we strongly urge the Commission to approve the Amendment of AfriSpace, Inc.'s application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Teferra Shiawl", is written over a printed name.

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