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**Commitment letter for the following funding proposal submitted by AFD:
“Building regional resilience through strengthening meteorological, hydrological and climate
services in the Indian Ocean Commission member states (Hydromet project) in
Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius and Seychelles”**

Dear Sir, Madam,

The Indian Ocean Commission, within its mandate given by its governing body, represented by the Government of Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles and France on behalf of Réunion Island, do wish to express its commitment to continue its efforts to mobilise the necessary technical and financial support to enhance the institutional capacity and competence of the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services of Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius and Seychelles and to improve multi-hazard early warning in the region.

In this regard, IOC will do its best efforts to ensure (including by accompanying the concerned services with capacity building programmes and looking for additional financial resources) that the 4 National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) of each member state, direct beneficiaries of the Hydromet project, will maintain and operate, in accordance to international standards, the new equipment acquired during the Hydromet project and through the equipment lifespan to ensure the sustainability of the investments.

In addition, IOC will build on and review the Memoranda of Understanding and partnerships with international organisations such as Meteo-France, the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO), the Indian Ocean Regional Intervention Platform of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (PIROI), to support the Services in its members States for capacity building as well as the operation and maintenance of the relevant equipment post project completion.

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The Indian Ocean Commission will capitalise and consolidate its collaboration with UNDRR, African Union, the OACP and EUMETSAT and the CREWS programme to further provide the technical guidance, expertise and to mobilise funds within the framework of the Pan African programmes for that purpose

Further, the Indian Ocean Commission will work closely with the national institutions to foster collaboration and coordination at national level between relevant institutions such as the Agency for Aerial Navigation Safety in Africa and Madagascar (ASECNA), mainly in Comoros and Madagascar to improve data access and early warning systems as well as to maintain and operate the equipment beyond project completion.

Sincerely yours,



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