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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Swaziland presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America in Mbabane and has the honour to forward the enclosed letter addressed to H.E. Ambassador Maurice S. Parker.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Swaziland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.



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18th March 2009

H.E. Maurice S. Parker
American Ambassador to the Kingdom of Swaziland
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Your Excellency,

**RE: PARTNERSHIP FRAMEWORK ON HIV/AIDS BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR
THE PERIOD 2009 – 2013**

I have been directed by the Chairman of Cabinet and Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Swaziland H.E. the Rt. Hon. Dr. B.S.S. Dlamini to convey a Cabinet decision on the above stated subject taken on Tuesday 17th March, 2009 in Mbabane.

The decision is as follows:

- (i) That the Kingdom of Swaziland should develop a Partnership Framework on HIV and AIDS with the United States President Emergency Plan for Aids Relief (PEPFAR)
- (ii) Designate the responsibility of finalizing the Partnership Framework on HIV and AIDS to the Prime Minister's Office (through NERCHA); the Deputy Prime Minister's Office, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Economic Planning & Development and the Ministry of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs. The Ministry of Health shall be the Lead Ministry.

- (iii) Allow the designated Government Agencies to discuss and bring the final Partnership Framework document to Cabinet for review and decision before the end of June 2009.

I have further been directed to convey to you Cabinet's appreciation for the support your Government is giving to the Kingdom of Swaziland and to you in particular for facilitating the positive role the United States Government is playing in the development of this country and specifically in the fight against the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

Please accept Your Excellency Government's assurance for the high regard and appreciation for the cordial relations which continue to exist between the Government of the Kingdom of Swaziland and the Government of the United States of America.

Yours Sincerely,



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SECRETARY TO CABINET