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Christoph Schwarte  
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Dear Mr Schwarte,

**Re: Letter of Appreciation for Support to Papua New Guinea on Climate Change legislation and negotiations**

We very much appreciate the Legal Response Initiative (LRI) for assistance given during the drafting of the Climate Change (Management) Bill which was passed on the 28<sup>th</sup> July 2015 as an Act of Parliament and came into effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016.

LRI's initial review of the Bill assisted the Government of Papua New Guinea in choosing precise and unambiguous language. It helped to improve the overall structure of the Bill and address different issues in a coherent and comprehensive manner. As a result, it was easier to get the Bill through the legislative process in Parliament and the formal certification process.

On this note, I also would like to extend our gratitude to the LRI team for their continued technical support given to the PNG negotiation team members who have been attending the UNFCCC meetings and also during the recent Paris Conference of Parties (COP 21) meeting.

The LRI has provided timely and quality legal advice to small island developing states like PNG and others in the run up to COP, and I look forward to continuing our productive collaboration over the coming months and years.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Pundari', written in a cursive style.

**Hon. John Pundari, CMG, MP**  
Minister for Environment & Conservation  
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