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Dear Dr. Halman,

I write following the meeting of the 8th of January 2020 where we discussed the issue of a potential partnership in the context of the Qattara project.

In this regard, I would like to reaffirm UNCCD's interest in closely following the development of the project. We would be available to provide advice and technical support to a feasibility study. As we understand it, the project aims to deliver climate resilience by harnessing the potential of sea water in the Qattara Depression and in parallel to develop options to mitigate the effects of land degradation, drought and desertification. It is also our clear understanding that the realisation of the project is dependent on the endorsement, engagement and support of the relevant Egyptian authorities.

We are therefore looking forward to receiving information on the progress being made in the development of the Qattara project. In this regard, I have nominated my colleague Ms. Louise Baker (lbaker@unccd.int) to be our contact person on this issue at the UNCCD Secretariat.

On another note, we would like to encourage you to have your organization accredited as observer to the Conference of the Parties to the UNCCD. Please let us know if this is something you would consider, and we shall share with you the relevant information.

Yours sincerely,

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