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H.E. Ambassador Zhang Lizhong,

Embassy of the People's Republic of China

P.O. Box 4106, Plot 37, Malcolm X Avenue, Kololo, Kampala, Republic of Uganda

ATTN: H. E. Economic Counsellor Jiang Jiqing

Re: Request for a meeting to discuss issues regarding environmental and human rights violations faced by the Kingfisher host communities

Your Excellency,

Greetings from the Strategic Response on Environmental Conservation (STREC) and Kingfisher oil project affected communities from seven (7) villages in Buhuuka, Kikuube district. STREC is a community-based organization whose objective is to promote the sustainable management of the environment and respect for human rights in Uganda.

STREC and Kingfisher project host communities recognize the role the Chinese Embassy can play in encouraging sustainable activities in our country.

Your Excellency, between January and April, 2024, STREC hosted community meetings that were attended by Kingfisher oil host communities from Buhuuka, Kikuube district. The meetings discussed about the continued human rights violations/ abuses and untold injustices. During these meetings, the communities expressed their desire for a meeting with you in order to share their experiences with the Kingfisher project.

This letter therefore is to request you for a meeting with representatives of Kingfisher oil affected communities on **August 14, 2024 at 9:00am at your office** or any other date, time and venue convenient to you to discuss the issues regarding human rights abuses to the Kingfisher PAPs and ways through which the embassy can support those communities from the ongoing threats and abuses that are resulting from unsustainable oil and gas developments. Please note that we have included you in a recent communication dated [July 22, 2024] to CNOOC regarding current and ongoing environmental, social, and labor concerns of affected communities.

The meeting will be represented by ten (10) delegates from Kingfisher affected communities and two (2) STREC staff members. We believe that with your strong leadership, the Chinese embassy can help address our concerns.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Yours faithfully,

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