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Re: STATE OF CONSERVATION OF SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

The United Republic of Tanzania is honored to take this opportunity to clarify on the proposed tarmac road in northern Tanzania.

The proposed road will be constructed in two sections:

- (i) The eastern stretch of 214 km tarmac road which will be constructed from Mto wa Mbu to Loliondo,
- (ii) The western stretch tarmac road that will be constructed from Makutano-Natta-Mugumu, a distance of 117 km. The stretch of 12 km from Mugumu to the Serengeti National Park western border plus a corresponding stretch of 57.6 km from Loliondo to Serengeti National Park eastern border will not be tarmac. The 53 km section traversing Serengeti National Park will remain gravel road and continue to be managed by TANAPA mainly for tourism and administrative purposes as it is currently.

In view of this intended plan of construction, the State Party confirms that the proposed road will not dissect the Serengeti National Park and therefore will not affect the migration and conservation values of the Property. The ongoing ESIA will take into consideration these developments and will be submitted to WHC accordingly.

This decision has been reached in order to address the increasing socio-economic needs of the rural communities in Northern Tanzania while safeguarding the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) of Serengeti National Park. The Government of United Republic of Tanzania is also seriously considering the construction of a road from Mugumu to Arusha running south of Ngorongoro Conservation Area and Serengeti National Park.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest considerations.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ezekiel Maige'.

**EZEKIEL MAIGE
MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND TOURISM**