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Dear Colleagues and Partners,

As the out going President, RMF Gabon, first of all, wishes to apologize for the misunderstanding created by the replacement of the Head of the Fund, Mr. Jean Valentin LEYAMA who was at the end of his second term of office.

As such, I took over from him since February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004 as Executive of the Roads Maintenance Funds of Gabon, and I therefore formally invite all members of ARMFA to express gratitude to the quality of the services rendered by my predecessor.

However, it should be recognized that this situation disrupted the activities of the Executive Bureau of ARMFA. It should be recalled that till today all ARMFA documents and your respective particulars are still with Jean Valentin LEYAMA and once again, RMF Gabon wishes apologize for that.

We have also noted the progress made by the outgoing Executive Bureau and we are particularly touched by the work done.

We wish to observe that if the amendments to the Statutes which have just been adopted were necessary to ensure a smooth running of our Association, it is also worth recalling that the orientation given to the Association at the Libreville session in December 2003, which entrusted RMF Gabon, for a period of two years, the Presidency of the Association, in fact meant a responsibility given to Gabon to ensure the gradual and effective take off of our infant Association, beyond all considerations or influence no matter where they come from in order to confer on ARMFA its own personality. So the confidence placed in Gabon cannot be questioned just because of one Gabonese civil servant. This, dear colleagues, would be an unfortunate and unnecessary precedent.

For all these reasons, we, RMF Gabon, as a moral entity and founding member of our Association, are reiterating our candidature for the post of President of ARMFA and we can already assure you of our best interest to find quick and more integrated solutions to our problems and to serve the ambition of a sovereign and united Africa.

As such, we RMF Gabon with the support of our Government, strongly and responsibly reiterate our readiness and determination to accomplish this mission properly provided all members here restore their confidence in us.

I thank you.

