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Dear Mr. Punaha,

SUBJECT: UAS PROJECTS 2017

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I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 22, 2017 regarding the UAS Projects for 2017.

I have perused the document and commend UAS Board and NICTA for compiling the Report. Information and communication technologies (ICT) are a key component in the development of our country and we must strive to ensure that our people have access to these services. Equally important, we must also ensure that these services can be afforded by our people.

Pursuant to s.108 (5) of the Act, I have reviewed the UAS Projects Report for 2017 and approve the projects together with the proposed budget as recommended in the Report. The projects approved are:

Rank	Project	Indicative Cost
1	Expansion of Voice Connectivity	K6 million
2	Accelerated Mobile Phone Expansion and Upgrades	K2 million
3	Connect the Schools	K2 million

I instruct that UAS Board and NICTA commence the projects forthwith.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Francis Maneke, MP Minister for Information & Communications Technology