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Charles Punaha
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received @ 2:30 pm

Dear Mr Punaha,

SUBJECT: Approval to proposed Universal Access and Service (UAS) Project for 2018

I confirm receipt of your letter dated 31st July 2018 which accompanied a report from the UAS Board in accordance with subsection 108(3) of the National Information and Communications Technology Act, in which potential UAS Projects were identified, developed, indicatively costed and ranked in order of priority.

I have considered the proposed projects in the UAS Board's report and I have decided, in accordance with subsection 108(5)(b) of the Act, with amendments as directed (See Attachment), approve the listed UAS Project in the report for 2018 to be implemented within the proposed aggregate budget.

As Minister responsible for ICT, I want to be consulted before UAS Projects are endorsed by the UAS Board and in a timely manner. This begins with the 2019 UAS Projects which must be concluded by November 2018.

Yours sincerely,

Hon **SAMUEL H BASIL, MP**
Minister for Communications, Information Technology and Energy

