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LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING – AHEAD GLTFCA

The Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) hereby expresses our intention to participate and collaborate, in so far as our resources in time and funds allow us to, in the development and execution of the AHEAD-GLTFCA programme on sustaining animal health and ecosystem services in the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Conservation Area (GLTFCA).

More specifically the overall long-term objective of this programme is to:

Facilitate conservation and development success in the GLTFCA through integrated understanding based on innovative inter-disciplinary applied research, technical support, monitoring and surveillance at the interface between wild and domestic animal health, ecosystem goods and services, and human livelihoods and wellbeing.

The programme to which we refer is more fully outlined in the widely circulated concept paper developed by the AHEAD-GLTFCA Working Group in March 2004 entitled **“Sustaining animal health and ecosystem services in large landscapes – 2nd Draft – Concept for a programme to address wildlife, livestock and related human and ecosystem health issues in the Greater Limpopo Transfrontier Conservation Area”** as posted at http://www.wcs-ahead.org/workinggrps_limpopo.html.

WCS looks forward to ongoing collaborative progress on this pioneering initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Steve Osofsky". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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