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Civil Society Merits Equal Partnership at the Forums of TICAD Process

Appeals to the TICAD Co-organizers

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Executive Summary

■ **TICAD to embrace Africa as true partner**

We do consider it highly desirable that the management and organization of TICAD should be so adjusted as to have the appropriate representation of Africa.

■ **TICAD with participation of citizens and civil society organizations**

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■ **TICAD facing and concentrating on people**

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1. Introduction

We wish to bring to the attention of the co-organizers of TICAD the views of Japanese NGOs working on African issues, namely TICAD Civil Society Forum (TCSF) and Africa Japan Forum (AJF).

We are the outgrowth of various previous activities of NGOs to augment and consolidate the awareness on the part of the Japanese people of the necessity to encourage African development and intend to serve as a mirror of the NGOs' desire to see the voices of the African and Japanese civil society adequately taken into consideration in every aspect of the TICAD process.

The Africans are engaged in multifarious endeavours to fight difficulties and hardships in their efforts to eradicate poverty and enrich their life. Looking at a series of data in recent years of improvements of economic development performance and social indicators, one is inclined to a



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tentative analysis that environments to materialize Africans' dreams are being, though slowly, matured and prepared. Yet it goes without saying that many indeed many challenging problems still remain unresolved.

We of TCSF and AJF heartily welcome the forthcoming 4th meeting of TICAD to be held in Japan in the year 2008. We are also delighted that the civil society is given an opportunity to organize a side event during the ministerial conference in Kenya for the first time in the history of TICAD.

We hope with much expectation that the meeting will come up with a clear-cut vision of enriched and strengthened scheme of assistance for Africa from the international community. At the same time, we earnestly hope and urge that the TICAD IV will be the best step for renovated African policy, on the basis of the following three desiderata:

2. Appeal

■ TICAD to embrace Africa as true partner

We do consider it highly desirable that the management and organization of TICAD should be so adjusted as to have the appropriate representation of Africa. We regret very much to notice that the co-organizers of TICAD do not include and hence adequately represent African governments nor African civil society.

■ TICAD with participation of citizens and civil society organizations

We humbly submit that the co-organizers should include African Civil Society among themselves. Not as observers but as full-pledged equal stakeholders for Africa's development should civil societies of Africa and Japan be conceded regular membership in the co-organizers' steering committee for TICAD IV.

■ TICAD facing and concentrating on people

We propose that TICAD should be the forum, even the stage for demonstrating accountability to the people of Africa and Japan insofar as African policy is concerned. TICAD IV should be the occasion to clarify the gains derived and lessons drawn from Japan's ODA for Africa and also to discuss openly how best ODA should be utilized in future.

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