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Dear Sir

## RE: DISSEMINATION OF RICE VARIETIES RELEASED IN ZANZIBAR

Please refer the subject above.

The United Republic of Tanzania through Ministry of Agriculture- Zanzibar started collaboration with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in 1999 through a rice project with Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA). Through this work, one mutant rice variety SUPA BC has been released in Zanzibar. Since then, Zanzibar Agriculture Research Institute (ZARI) has been participating in a number of IAEA TC projects aimed at improving rice varieties, and therefore the selected lines with tolerance to Rice Yellow Mottle Virus (RYMV) and abiotic (drought tolerance) were officially released as new varieties.

Tanzania Atomic Energy Commission (TAEC) is aware that SUPA BC rice variety has been released and disseminated to the farmers in the Island however, the varieties has not been disseminated to the mainland.

The Commission is therefore requesting you to encourage the Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources, Livestock and Fisheries of the revolutionary Government of Zanzibar to disseminate these varieties to the farmers in both side of the Union to magnify the impact realized through the IAEA TC projects.

Sincerely,

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