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Dear Ms. Monger:

I am writing to convey USAID's concern about the timely and efficacious execution of the referenced agreement. We used the sixth month anniversary of the agreement's execution to conduct an internal review of progress attained with its implementation.

Before going into the details of its review, USAID congratulates Caribbean Central American Action and the *Fundación Nicaragüense para el Desarrollo Económico y Social* (FUNIDES) for the outstanding public events they sponsored late last year. These were, of course, the *Encuentros*, the university debate, and essay contest undertaken as part of the FUNIDES inauguration. We were particularly impressed with the findings, recommendations, and conclusions of *Encuentro Energía* that FUNIDES sponsored on December 13, 2006. All were serious events that attracted positive acclaim and they bode well for FUNIDES.

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During the course of our review we referred to the agreement's Section A.4, BUDGET, which contains provisions for in-kind leverage. Specifically, it states that, "CCAA has proposed a total of in-kind leverage in the amount of US\$9,193,620 as broken down in the table" on page A-6. For the final quarter of fiscal year 2006 (June through September 2006) CCAA was scheduled to leverage US\$191,970 in support of sponsored activities. Please provide USAID a status report on CCAA's compliance with the agreement's leverage requirement. I urge you to begin including this information in your quarterly reports, which according to Section VIII, REPORTING, of the application/program statement presented to USAID by CCAA on June 5, 2006 states that "CCAA will submit quarterly reports to the CTO". This formal quarterly performance report will include progress on key objectives and targets, results and the collaboration and leverage from organizational collaborations."

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