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SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2008 Operational Plan and Performance Report on Fiscal
Year 2007 for U.S. Mission Maseru

As stated in our FY2008 Operational Plan submission, U.S. Mission Maseru is experiencing a rapid expansion in both programming and personnel, particularly in support of two presidential initiatives: PEPFAR and a Millennium Challenge Account (MCA) compact. Our mission achieved a number of foreign assistance goals in FY2007, including: 1) the successful signing in July of the \$362.5 million MCA compact and the subsequent incorporation of full-time, on-the-ground MCC staff into the mission; 2) the expansion of Lesotho's PEPFAR program to a \$12 million annual budget, and the addition of a direct-hire Centers For Disease Control (CDC) chief of party; and 3) the resumption of bilateral military-to-military training programs, including IMET, after a five-year statutory hiatus. We look forward to continuing success in the coming fiscal year.

The fight against HIV/AIDS, democratic development, and sustainable economic growth continue to be our top mission priorities. I have reviewed and endorse U.S. Mission Maseru's performance report, which reflects these priorities in the context of growing mission.

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Cleared: Murphy

Lesotho 2007 Performance Report

Operating Unit Performance Summary

While continuing rapid expansion in programming and personnel, Embassy Maseru achieved a number of foreign assistance goals in FY2007 including: 1) the successful signing of a Millennium Challenge Account (MCA) compact and the incorporation of full-time, on-the-ground MCC staff into the mission; 2) the expansion of Lesotho's PEPFAR program to a \$12 million annual budget with a direct hire Centers For Disease Control Chief of Party; and 3) the resumption of bilateral military-to military training programs, including IMET, after a five-year absence.

The PEPFAR program is the cornerstone of our mission's strategy to fight HIV/AIDS -- a cross-cutting issue with implications for Lesotho's political and economic spheres and strong ramifications for the bilateral relationship. PEPFAR Lesotho's Country Operating Plan (COP) was completed on schedule. While not a PEPFAR focus country, Lesotho's PEPFAR team has expanded activities in FY2007 to a total of \$12 million of programs annually. Additional PEPFAR staff, including CDC and a new program assistant, have greatly increased the ability of the Lesotho PEPFAR team to effectively manage this expanding program.

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