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To whom it may concern

Regarding Mr. Gimo Mendes

Mr. Gimo Mendes is employed at World Music Center, a department of Århus Music School, Denmark, an institution for music teaching that employs approx. 100 teachers and teaches 3,400 pupils and students. The music school is one of the oldest and largest in Denmark.

Mr. Gimo Mendes has been the elected representative for the world music teachers for around 4 years and part of the board for teachers at the music school.

The Danish Center for Culture and Development (DCCD) and the Danish Embassy have supported an innovative project "Roots" in Mozambique that started in October 2008 and ended in September 2009. This project continues in 2010.

The goal of "Roots" is to support the process of re-introducing music in primary/secondary schools. (Selection of pilot schools, teaching teams, workshops and training, provision of music kits, concerts), using knowledge and experience from World Music Center (WMC) in Aarhus, Denmark and with the cooperation with the local partner Maputo National Music School (MNMS) in 2009 and with the University in Maputo in 2010.

Mr. Gimo Mendes has been the coordinator for the project and has taught at the course held for the local teacher teams.

Mr. Gimo Mendes with his knowledge and experience from his work at World Music Center, his Mozambican roots, experience as a renowned musician, as well as his local contacts - all have played a valuable and important part towards attaining the goals of the project.

Mr. Gimo Mendes is a very competent teacher, a very good musician (won a prize for the best World Music single in Denmark a few years

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ago), shows a lot of sincere engagement for his work, his music and his country of origin, Mozambique for which he always has a lot of love and engagement. This is shown by the projects he has been involved on for his country as well as the music he has written and the involvement on the social level.

On another level, he has on many occasions represented his country by giving concerts and meeting ministers and ambassadors when they visit Denmark and building bridges on a diplomatic level.

Apart from that he is a very good colleague and respected by his fellow teachers and musicians.

I can only give Mr. Gimo Mendes my very best recommendation

Yours truly

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