Annex 3 – Letter from USDA

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To whom it may concern:

This letter is certify that after reviewing the data bases in our Potato and Sweet potato Quarantine Programs, we found that more than two hundred clones of potatoes and sweet potatoes introduced from the International Potato Center (CIP) in Lima, Peru during the last five years. From those, only 3 clones were infected with viruses; 1 with *Sweet potato feathery mottle virus* and 2 with *Potato virus T* and *Potato virus V*, respectively. This finding indicates that the Pathogen Testing Programme at CIP is performing outstandingly. CIP is by far the best provider of clean plant material to our programs in comparison with similar germplasm donors around the world.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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