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**Subject: OLPC initiative for graduate students**

I am fully aware that graduate students from our Faculty, Kaçandre Bourdelais, Doudou Camara and their two gaboneseese colleagues, have submitted a project in the context of the OLPC initiative to send university students in Africa to distribute XO laptops among school children. Their proposal is quite interesting because it is first of all an educational project anchored in the community and integrated in an international knowledge sharing network, Therefore, this project is not oriented by a technological determinism point of view.

The credibility of the project is in part related to the fact that our Faculty (FSÉ) has been engaged in a cooperation process with the École Normale Supérieure in Libreville (ÉNS) for the last ten years. It is in this context that Kaçandre Bourdelais, in collaboration with professor Robert Angoue (ÉNS), conducted a small scale essay that aimed at introducing six primary school students to the use of the XO as a learning tool. More so, in collaboration with professor Thérèse Laferrière (FSÉ) they, with master students in Libreville, collectively constructed a pedagogical guide for the use of the XO in the context of primary school classes. So the idea of introducing 100 XO in the primary school of application (ÉNS-B) follows from these previous initiatives.

The students will be backed up by a team led by professor Thérèse Laferrière who is an internationally recognized scholar in the field. I will be following closely the development of this project and our Faculty will support with enthusiasm the students in their endeavor. More so, the office of international cooperation of our university will finance part of their expenses.

Best regards

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