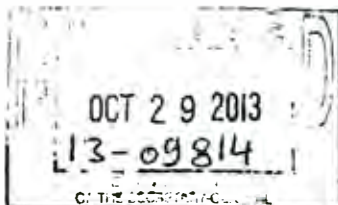


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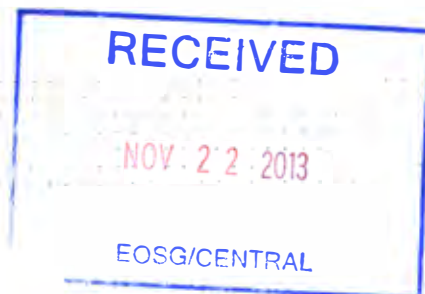
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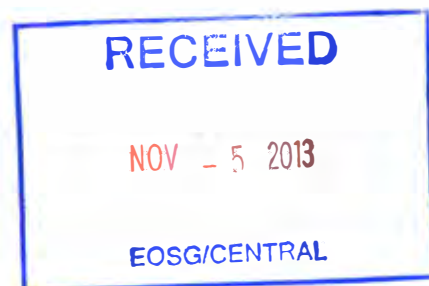
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15. Ms. Charlotte Petri-Gornitzka, Director General, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency
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Partnerships

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