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## FINAL REPORT

Dear Prof. Miranda,

First and foremost I wish to thank you most sincerely for the invitation to the A.S. CENT. I also extend my thanks to the University and the staff for its vital support and the faculty for the warm welcome and enriching discussions.

Furthermore it is both my pleasure and honour to announce what the Fellowship has allowed me to do:

- Completion of the paper "The logging - civil war nexus: When timber matters" – currently under review by the Journal *Global Environmental Politics*. In the paper I present the conditions under which timber is a viable conflict resource in civil wars, which in turn explains why previous quantitative studies were unable to conclusively determine if timber is subject to the so called "resource curse".
- Completion of the working paper "Deferred Sovereignties: Economic & security dependence in the Horn of Africa" for the University's workshop "Cross-border politics and trade in the Horn of Africa".
- Significant research progress on the application of systems theory to the spread of disinformation, as well the dynamics of innovation "bubble" formation, deflation and bust cycles.
- Significant progress in the research and writing of a paper on the relative historic impact of generative artificial intelligence over other machine learning applications in the last 20 years.

I again thank you and the Centre for this marvellous opportunity and hope that the achievements are worthy of the support I so generously received.

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