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#### INTERVIEW AN ANIMAL FOR YOUR LOCAL NEWSPAPER OR RADIO STATION

Hello listeners, you are tuned in to Radio Africa 92.6 fm. This is your beloved host Emmanuel Gyasi on the program "Inside Matters".

With me for today's interview, is a very unusual guest known to us as mosquito who is going to tell us some things do not flip that dial!

Host: May we know your name, Sir.

Mosquito: My name is Ano Pheles (Madam Pheles) and I am a female so kindly address me as Madam. It seems humans cannot distinguish between female and male mosquitoes.

Host: This interview has not progressed and I am already making mistakes. Okay, kindly tell us some thing about yourself.

Mosquito: I am exactly 13 months and 4 days old so with the human equivalent, I can be considered as roughly in my late thirties. I am not married because we mosquitoes do not marry.

Host: how many children?

Mosquito: The last time I counted, I had twenty-five larva, some of whom are now adults. You know we mosquitoes are quite fertile so twenty-five is considered a small number. However, I am not around them much since I am always busy working. Besides, we do not take care of children; we leave them to find for themselves.

Host: What work do you do exactly?

Mosquito: Personally, I am a director. This means I direct other mosquitoes to large human gatherings such as night parties and night clubs. Other mosquitoes work as doctors of mosquitoes who are injured during feeding. Scientist who research new and improved ways of feeding without any risk of dying, lawyers, ministers, etc.

Host: Ministers? Really I had no idea that you were so complicated.

Mosquito: Well, your researchers have been wrong they consider us to be solitary but we are a civilization.

Host: Okay, you guys are known to cause malaria how do you feel?

Mosquito: Proud, there was jubilation by our ancestors when humans particularly Ronald Ross discovered we cause malaria. Before malaria was attributed to gods and other silly factors by superstitious people. Finally, with that discovery, we received due credit from other animals. For single handily causing of human death.

Host: (Laughing) proud you say. But we humans seem to think otherwise, how is your general life like?

Mosquito: we also live normal lives. Housing is very cheap since you humans, with your dumping of refuse everywhere lead to that.

Host: Okay, how exactly do we humans spray or endanger you or stop you from biting us.

Mosquito: What we hate is when you humans spray your rooms with insecticides and wake up those smokes –spitting snakes; the ones you call “mosquito coils”. What we dislike most, however, is when you use mosquito nets and because of this our mortality rate is high. This prevents us from eating. However, it seems we are quite popular too because most products are named after us.

Host: last question, what do you in your spare time.

Mosquito: personally, I enjoy good nap in the afternoon in a nice dark obscure corner. Most of us, however, like to fly and are excellent musicians at night. Though you humans hate our music, you always clap for us when we sing (Makes a clapping motion with tiny legs.

Host: Thank you, Ano Pheles, it's nice having you here. Viewers, join us same time, next when we bring you an interviewer with a goat. Till then it's bye for now.