



Global Environment Facility

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
AND CHAIRMAN

March 24, 2000

Dear Council Member:

I am writing to notify you that UNDP, the Implementing Agency for the project entitled, *Regional (Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, Zimbabwe): Southern Africa Biodiversity Support Programme*, has submitted the proposed project document for CEO endorsement prior to final approval of the project in accordance with UNDP procedures.

Over the next four weeks, the Secretariat will be reviewing the project document to ascertain that it is consistent with the proposal included in the work program approved by the Council in November 1997, and with GEF policies and procedures. The Secretariat will also ascertain whether the proposed level of GEF financing is appropriate in light of the project's objectives.

If by April 21, 2000, I have not received requests from at least four Council Members to have the proposed project reviewed at a Council meeting because in the Member's view the project is not consistent with the Instrument or GEF policies and procedures, I will complete the Secretariat's assessment with a view to endorsing the proposed project document.

We have today posted the proposed project document on the GEF website at www.gefweb.org. If you do not have access to the Web, you may request the local field office of UNDP or the World Bank to download the document for you. Alternatively, you may request a copy of the document from the Secretariat. If you make such a request, please confirm for us your current mailing address.

Sincerely,

Cc: Alternates, Implementing Agencies, STAP



United Nations Development Programme
GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY (GEF)



3 March, 2000

Mohamed
Dear Mr. El-Ashry,

Subject: RAF/97/G34/D/1G/99 – Southern Africa Biodiversity
Support Programme

I am pleased to enclose the project entitled "Southern Africa Biodiversity Support Programme" approved by the GEF Executive Council in November 1997. Also enclosed is the response to technical comments provided by the GEF Secretariat and Council.

As per paragraph 29 and 30 of the GEF Project Cycle, we are submitting this project to you for circulation to the Executive Council Members for comments and, subsequently, for your final endorsement.

Thank you in advance for expediting the review and approval of this project.

best regards
Yours sincerely,

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