

Monique Barbut Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson

February 26, 2010

1818 H Street, NW Washington, DC 20433 USA Tel: 202.473.3202 Fax: 202.522.3240/3245 E-mail: mbarbut@TheGEF.org

Mr. Steve Gorman, GEF Executive Coordinator The World Bank 1818 H St., NW - Room MC 4-111 Washington, DC 20433

Dear Mr. Gorman:

After reviewing the Project Identification Form submitted for the medium-sized project *Russian Federation: Support to the Global Tiger Summit Hosted by the Russian Federation*, I am pleased to approve the PIF for an indicative amount of \$560,000 as well as the Agency fee of \$56,000 for project cycle management services.

PIF approval authorizes you to begin preparation of the project proposal taking into account the attached comments made by the GEF Secretariat, which are based on the project concept's eligibility under the GEF Trust Fund (GEFTF) and which ensures conformity with GEF focal area strategies.

Please note that the final grant amount and Agency fee will be confirmed at the time of CEO approval of your final project document. The approval will be based on the Secretariat's review of the final project document's consistency with GEF policies and procedures, particularly the cost-effectiveness of the financing plan.

It is our expectation that your Agency will submit a final medium-sized project document for approval no later than March 2010. You are requested to inform the Secretariat as early as possible if this timeline cannot be met. We will then consult with the beneficiary country and your Agency prior to reaching a decision on whether to establish new milestones or to cancel the concept.

A copy of the project tracking and review sheets are attached for your records.

Sincerely,

Attachment: GEF Project Tracking Sheet, GEFSEC Review Sheet Copy: Country Operational Focal Point, GEF Agencies, STAP, Trustee