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To: Jeffrey Griffin
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Subject: Endorsement for *Fisheries and Ecosystem Based Management for the Blue Economy of the Mediterranean Sea (FishEBM MED)*

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Montenegro, I confirm that the above project proposal (a) is in accordance with my government’s national priorities and our commitment to the relevant global environmental conventions; and (b) was discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the global environmental convention focal points.

I am pleased to endorse the preparation of the above project proposal with the support of the GEF Agencies listed below. If approved, the proposal will be prepared and implemented by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and executed by the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) and the Mediterranean Action Plan (Barcelona Convention). I request the GEF Agencies to provide a copy of the project document before it is submitted to the GEF Secretariat for CEO endorsement.

The total financing from GEF TF being requested for this project is US$ 8,184,000, inclusive of project preparation grant (PPG), and Agency fees for project cycle management services associated with the total GEF grant. The financing requested for Montenegro is detailed in the table below.

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I consent to the utilization of Montenegro’s allocations in GEF-7 as defined in the System for Transparent Allocation of Resources (STAR).

Sincerely,

Igor Gradjevic, GEF OFP