REPUBLIC OF TURKEY
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY
Directorate General for EU and Foreign Relations

13.04/2020

To: Jeffery Griffin
Senior Coordinator – GEF Unit
Food and Agriculture Organization
Rome, Italy

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

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Turkey 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 Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry together with 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 for approval of the Ministry before it is submitted to the GEF Secretariat for CEO endorsement.

The total financing from GEFTF being requested for this project is US$ 7,884,000 inclusive of project preparation grant (PPG), and Agency fees for project cycle management services associated with the total GEF grant. The financing requested for the project is entirely from the International Waters focal area; no financing is requested from Turkey’s STAR allocation. This is detailed in the table below.

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Sincerely,

Aki ÖZKALDI
Deputy Minister
GEF Operational Focal Point of Turkey