To: Mr. Pradeep Kurukulasuriya  
Executive Coordinator, Global Environmental Finance  
Bureau for Policy and Programme Support  
United Nations Development Programme

Subject: Endorsement for the Mainstreaming Biodiversity Conservation into the Tourism Sector in Bhutan project

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Bhutan, 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 Agency(ies) listed below. The project proposal will be submitted as a child project under the GEF-7 Global Wildlife Program. If approved, the proposal will be prepared and implemented by the Gross National Happiness Commission (GNHC), Tourism Council of Bhutan, and Department of Forests & Park Services. I request the GEF Agency(ies) to provide a copy of the project document before it is submitted to the GEF Secretariat for CEO endorsement.

The total financing being requested for this project is US$ 5,400,000, inclusive of project preparation grant (PPG), if any, and Agency fees for project cycle management services associated with the total GEF grant. The financing requested for Bhutan is detailed in the table below.

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I consent to the utilization of Bhutan’s allocations in GEF-7 as defined in the System for Transparent Allocation of Resources (STAR). Note that I have applied the flexibility rule to transfer STAR allocation between focal areas.

Sincerely,

(Rinchen Wangdi)  
GEF Operational Focal Point for Bhutan  
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