Secretary / GEF Focal Point-Pakistan

Islamabad, the 17th February, 2020

To:

Sheila Aggarwal-Khan
Director GEF Coordination Unit
IUCN Asia Regional Office
Gland, Switzerland

Subject: Endorsement of IUCN Project Titled “Strengthening Governance and Capacity for Combating illegal Wildlife Trade in Pakistan”

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Pakistan, I confirm that the above project proposal is a) in accordance with my Government’s national priorities and our commitment to the relevant global environmental conventions b) was discussed with relevant stakeholders including the global environmental Convention Focal Points. The project was approved by GEF National Steering Committee, Ministry of Climate Change.

2. I am pleased to endorse the preparation of the above project proposal with the support of GEF agency IUCN. If approved, the proposal will be prepared and implemented by IUCN along with WWF-Pakistan, Forestry Wing, Ministry of Climate Change and Provincial and Territorial Wildlife departments. I request IUCN to provide a copy of the project document before it is submitted to the GEF Secretariat for endorsement.

3. The total financing from GEF Trust Fund being requested for this project is USD 3 million inclusive of the project preparation grant (PPG) and agency fee for project cycle management services associated with the total GEF grant. The financing requested for Pakistan is detailed in the table below:

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

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1. UNCBD Convention Focal Point, MoCC.
2. GEF Secretariat, Washington DC, USA
3. IUCN Country Office, Islamabad.

(Naheed S. Durrani)