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Dear Council Member:

I am writing in reference to my letter of February 4, 2010, under cover of which we circulated for GEF Council review and approval of the March 2010 Intersessional Work Program.

I am pleased to inform you that the Council has approved by mail the proposed work program.

The approved decision will read as follows:

The GEF Council reviewed the proposed work program posted on February 4, 2010, and approves the work program¹ comprising the following 60 Project Identification Forms (PIFs), subject to the comments submitted to the Secretariat by March 4, 2010 and additional comments submitted on March 17, 2010:

Biodiversity

- 1. Global (Brazil, Kenya, Sri Lanka, Turkey) : Mainstreaming Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use for Improved Human Nutrition and Well-being (UNEP/FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,517,618)***
- 2. Global (Chile, Indonesia, Nepal, Vietnam) : Expanding FSC Certification at Landscape-level through Incorporating Additional Eco-system Services. (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,880,000)***
- 3. Regional (Cook Islands, Nauru, Tonga, Tuvalu) : PAS Implementing the Island Biodiversity Programme of Work by Integrating the Conservation Management of Island Biodiversity (UNEP) (GEF Project***

¹ The Council Member representing the United States of America, in light of its national legislation regarding its country's voting position for development projects financed by certain development institutions, abstains in review of the following projects: 1) ***Global (Brazil, Kenya, Sri Lanka, Turkey) : Mainstreaming Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use for Improved Human Nutrition and Well-being;*** 2) ***Iran : Industrial Energy Efficiency in Key Sectors;*** and 3) ***Sudan : Integrated Carbon Sequestration Project in Sudan.***

Grant : \$1,740,600)

4. **Regional (Indonesia, Cambodia, Philippines, Vietnam) : Removing Barriers to Invasive Species Management in Production and Protection Forests in SE Asia (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,081,045)**
5. **Angola : National Biodiversity Project (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,000,000)**
6. **Brazil : Amazon Region Protected Areas Program Phase 2 (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$15,890,000)**
7. **China : CBPF Jiangsu Yancheng Wetlands System Protection Project (ADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,500,000)**
8. **China : CBPF: Demonstration of Estuarine Biodiversity Conservation Restoration and Protected Area Networking (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,636,400)**
9. **China : CBPF: Strengthening the Effectiveness of the Protected Area System in Qinghai Province (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,354,545)**
10. **Colombia : Mainstreaming Biodiversity in Palm Cropping in Colombia with an Ecosystem Approach (IADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,250,000)**
11. **Cuba : Agricultural Biodiversity Conservation and Man and Biosphere Reserves in Cuba: Bridging Managed and Natural Landscapes (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,368,182)**
12. **Guatemala : Promoting Ecotourism to Strengthen the Financial Sustainability of the Guatemalan Protected Areas System (SIGAP). (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,295,455)**
13. **Malaysia : Biodiversity Conservation in Multiple-Use Forest Landscapes in Sabah (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,400,000)**
14. **Malaysia : Enhancing Effectiveness and Financial Sustainability of Protected Areas (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,600,000)**
15. **Mexico : Fostering Sustainable and Competitive Production Systems Consistent with the Conservation of Biodiversity (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$11,688,182)**
16. **Russian Federation : Mainstreaming Biodiversity Conservation into Russia's Energy Sector Policies and Operations (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$7,200,000)**

17. **Seychelles** : *Strengthening Seychelles' Protected Area System through NGO Management modalities (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,100,000)*
18. **Sierra Leone** : *SPWA-BD Integrated Ecosystems Management Project (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,800,000)*
19. **Sri Lanka** : *Maintreaming Agrobiodiversity Conservation and Use in Sri Lankan Agro-ecosystems for Livelihoods and Adaptation to Climate Change (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,450,455)*
20. **Thailand** : *Sustainable Management of Biodiversity in Thailand's Production Landscape (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,940,000)*

Climate Change

21. **Regional (Antigua And Barbuda, Belize, Grenada, St. Lucia, Trinidad and Tobago)** : *Energy for Sustainable Development in the Caribbean (ESD-Caraibes) (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,859,000)*
22. **Regional (Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda)** : *Promoting Sustainable Transport Solutions for East Africa (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,850,000)*
23. **Armenia** : *Armenia Energy Efficiency Project (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,820,000)*
24. **Brazil** : *Pilot Project for Methane Mitigation and Recovery from Hydroelectric Power Reservoirs (IADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,651,940)*
25. **Burkina Faso** : *SPWA-CC Promotion of Jatropha Curcas as a resource of Bioenergy in Burkina-Faso (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,313,636)*
26. **Burundi** : *SPWA-CC Energy Efficiency Project (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,818,180)*
27. **Cape Verde** : *SPWA-CC Promoting market based development of small to medium scale renewable energy systems in Cape Verde. (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,718,182)*
28. **Chile** : *Encouraging the Setting Up and Consolidation of an Energy Service Market in Chile (IADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,364,000)*
29. **China** : *China Energy Efficiency Promotion in Industry (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,000,000)*
30. **China** : *Eco-Transport in City Clusters: Model Development & Pilots (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,800,000)*

31. **China** : *Technology Need Assessment on Climate Change (World Bank)*
(GEF Project Grant : \$5,000,000)
32. **Colombia** : *Catalytic Investments for Geothermal Power (IADB)*
(GEF Project Grant : \$2,727,000)
33. **Colombia** : *Mechanism for Voluntary Mitigation of Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Colombia (IADB)* (GEF Project Grant : \$2,700,000)
34. **India** : *Market Development and Promotion of Solar Concentrators based Process Heat Applications in India (UNDP)* (GEF Project Grant : \$4,400,000)
35. **Indonesia** : *Chiller Energy Efficiency Project (World Bank)* (GEF Project Grant : \$3,661,575)
36. **Indonesia** : *Wind Hybrid Power Generation (WHyPGen) Marketing Development Initiatives (UNDP)* (GEF Project Grant : \$2,156,200)
37. **Iran** : *Industrial Energy Efficiency in Key Sectors (UNIDO)* (GEF Project Grant : \$5,450,000)
38. **Kazakhstan** : *Sustainable Transport in the City Of Almaty (UNDP)*
(GEF Project Grant : \$4,995,000)
39. **Lao PDR** : *Rural Electrification Phase II (World Bank)* (GEF Project Grant : \$1,818,000)
40. **Mexico** : *Lighting and Appliances Efficiency Project (World Bank)*
(GEF Project Grant : \$7,118,600)
41. **Mexico** : *Mitigating Climate Change through Sustainable Forest Management and Capacity Building in the Southern States of Mexico (States of Campeche, Chiapas and Oaxaca) (IFAD)* (GEF Project Grant : \$5,000,000)
42. **Morocco** : *Energy Efficiency in the Industrial Sector (AfDB)* (GEF Project Grant : \$2,730,000)
43. **Nepal** : *Kathmandu Sustainable Urban Transport (SUT) Project (ADB)*
(GEF Project Grant : \$2,818,182)
44. **Pakistan** : *Promoting Sustainable Energy Production and Use from Biomass in Pakistan (UNIDO)* (GEF Project Grant : \$1,820,000)
45. **Romania** : *Financing Public Building Efficiency (EBRD)* (GEF Project Grant : \$4,570,000)

46. **Romania** : *LGGE Improving Energy Efficiency in Low-Income Households and Regions of Romania (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,974,848)*
47. **Sudan** : *Integrated Carbon Sequestration Project in Sudan (IFAD) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,650,000)*
48. **Tanzania** : *Mini-Grids Based on Small Hydropower Sources to Augment Rural Electrification (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,350,000)*
49. **Thailand** : *LGGE Promoting Energy Efficiency in Commercial Buildings in Thailand (PEECB) (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,637,273)*
50. **Tunisia** : *Energy Efficiency and Cogeneration Investment Scale-Up and Biomass Pilot (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,410,000)*
51. **Turkmenistan** : *LGGE Improving Energy Efficiency in the Residential Buildings Sector (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,516,280)*
52. **Venezuela** : *Promotion of Sustainable and Climate-Compatible Rural Development in Lara and Falcon States PROSALAF-A-GEF: (IFAD) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,635,000)*

International Waters

53. **Morocco** : *MED Integrated Coastal Zone Management-Mediterranean Coast (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,181,818)*

Multi Focal Area

54. **Nicaragua** : *Integrated Management in Lakes Apanas and Asturias Watershed (IADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,041,000)*
55. **Thailand** : *SFM: Integrated Community-based Forest and Catchment Management through an Ecosystem Service Approach (CBFCM) (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,758,182)*

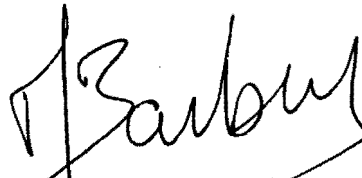
POPs

56. **Regional (Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Palau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Samoa)** : *PAS Pacific POPs Release Reduction Through Improved Management of Solid and Hazardous Wastes (UNEP/FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,275,000)*
57. **Regional (Mali, Tunisia)** : *Africa Stockpiles Program (ASP) - Project 1- Supplemental Funds for Disposal and Prevention (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,960,000)*

58. **Botswana** : *Demonstration Project for Decontamination of POPs Contaminated Soils Using Non-thermal Treatment Methods (FAO)* (GEF Project Grant : \$1,363,000)
59. **Kazakhstan** : *Elimination of POPs Wastes (World Bank)* (GEF Project Grant : \$10,350,000)
60. **Nigeria** : *PCB Management and Disposal Project (World Bank)* (GEF Project Grant : \$6,300,000)

The GEF Council finds that each PIF presented to it as part of the work program (i) is or would be consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures and (ii) may be endorsed by the CEO for final approval by the GEF Agency, provided that the CEO circulates to the Council Members, prior to endorsement, draft final project documents fully incorporating the Council's comments on the work program accompanied by a satisfactory explanation by the CEO of how such comments and comments of the STAP reviewer have been addressed and a confirmation by the CEO that the project continues to be consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Alternates, all those invited to Council meetings