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To: Monique Barbut
Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson
Global Environment Facility
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Subject: Comments by Germany on Work Program November 2010

Dear Ms. Barbut,

Germany approves the Work Program November 2010.

In line with the Council decision on the Work Program of 17 November 2010 we request the Secretariat to receive draft final project documents for Council comments four weeks prior to CEO endorsement for the following projects:

- a) Yemen: Leopards and Landscapes: Using a Flagship Species to Strengthen Conservation in the Republic of Yemen.
- b) Global: 5th Operational Phase of the GEF Small Grants Programme.

Attached, please find our comments on one of the PIFs with the request to take these into account during the development of Full Sized Projects.

Best regards

Matthias Seiche
on behalf of
Frank Fass-Metz

Germany approves the following PIF in the work program but asks that the following comments are taken into account:

Biodiversity

2. Yemen: Leopards and Landscapes: Using a Flagship Species to Strengthen Conservation in the Republic of Yemen (World Bank)

- The full proposal should clearly identify how a high commitment by the Government of Yemen is ensured at all levels (national, local and at the level of protected areas).
- A large part of the leopard's range in Yemen is outside of protected areas. The full proposal should therefore explain, how leopards will be protected in the broader landscape.
- "National Animal incorporated into marketing by high profile Yemen corporations" is mentioned in PIF as indicative cofinancing. Marketing by private companies would normally not be eligible as co-financing. A full explanation of the activities financed by private companies or by business philanthropic contributions should be provided.
- The proposal to promote leopards as flagship species entails the risk that this may create more interest among illegal hunters. The full project should explain how this risk is addressed.