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Dear Council Member:

I am writing in reference to my letter of March 23, 2009, under cover of which we circulated for GEF Council review and approval of the April 2009 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 March 23, 2009, and approves the work program comprising the following 16 Project Identification Forms (PIFs), subject to the comments submitted to the Secretariat by April 20, 2009:

Biodiversity

1. ***Argentina:*** *Strengthening Fisheries Governance to Protect Freshwater and Wetland (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$2.36 m)*
2. ***Colombia:*** *Colombian National Protected Areas Conservation Trust Fund – Additional financing for the Sustainability of the Macizo Regional Protected Area System (SIRAPM) (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant: \$4.00 m)*
3. ***Lao PDR:*** *Mainstreaming Biodiversity In Lao PDR's Agricultural and Land Management Policies, Plans and Programmes (UNDP/FAO) (GEF Project Grant: \$2.27 m)*
4. ***Mexico:*** *Mainstreaming the Conservation of Ecosystem Services and Biodiversity at the Micro-watershed Scale in Chiapas (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant: \$1.49 m)*
5. ***Mongolia:*** *Strengthening of the Protected Area Networking System in Mongolia (SPAN) (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$1.36 m)*

Climate Change

6. ***Benin:*** *Energy Efficiency Program (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant: \$1.82 m)*
7. ***China:*** *Integrated Renewable Biomass Energy Development Project (ADB) (GEF Project Grant: \$9.20 m)*
8. ***Egypt:*** *SPWA-CC Industrial Energy Efficiency (IEE)(UNIDO)(GEF Project Grant: \$3.95 m)*

9. **Nigeria:** SPWA-CC Nigeria Urban Transport (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant: \$4.50 m)
10. **Togo:** SPWA-CC Efficient Lighting Program (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant: \$1.82 m)
11. **Ukraine:** Energy Efficient Lighting in Residential and Public Buildings (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$6.50 m)

International Waters

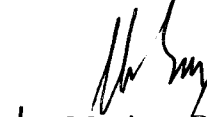
12. **Regional (Malaysia, Philippines, Indonesia, Vietnam, Cambodia, Papua New Guinea):** CTI Strategies for Fisheries Bycatch Management (FAO) (GEF Project Grant: \$3.00 m)

Multi-focal Areas

13. **Global:** 4th Operational Phase of the GEF Small Grants Programme (add-on) (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$42.71 m)
14. **Argentina:** Rural Corridors and Biodiversity Conservation (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant: \$6.29 m)
15. **Bolivia:** Conservation and Sustainable use of Biodiversity and Land in Andean Vertical Ecosystems (IADB) (GEF Project Grant: \$6.00 m)
16. **Philippines:** CTI: Agusan River Basin Integrated Water Resources (ADB) (GEF Project Grant: \$2.93 m)

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,



Monique Barbut
Chief Executive Officer
and Chairperson

Cc: Alternates, all those invited to Council meetings