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Dear Council Member:

I am writing in reference to my letter of December 23, 2008, under cover of which we circulated for GEF Council review and approval the January 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 December 23, 2008, and approves the work program comprising the following 23 Project Identification Forms (PIFs), subject to the comments submitted to the Secretariat by January 23, 2009:

Biodiversity

1. **Global (Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador, Venezuela, Colombia)** : Communities of Conservation: Safeguarding the World's Most Threatened Species (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant: \$1.78 m)
2. **Global (Chile, Vietnam, Trinidad and Tobago, South Africa, Lesotho):** Project for Ecosystem Services (ProEcoServ) (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant: \$6.30m)
3. **Global:** Threatened Species Partnership/Save Your Logo (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant: \$4.90 m)
4. **Regional (Central African Republic, Congo DR, Congo, Gabon):** CBSP Sustainable Management of the Wildlife and Bushmeat Sector in Central Africa (FAO) (GEF Project Grant: \$4.25 m)
5. **Regional (Fiji, Samoa, Vanuatu, Niue):** PAS Forestry and Protected Area Management (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$6.29 m)
6. **Regional (Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Papua New Guinea, Cook Islands, Kiribati, Samoa, Tonga, Vanuatu, Niue):** Prevention, Control and Management of Invasive Alien Species in the Pacific Islands(UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3.03 m)
7. **Regional (Chad, Gambia, Mali, Sierra Leone):** SPWA Evolution of PA systems with regard to climatic, institutional, social, and economic conditions in the West Africa Region (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3.64 m)

8. **Bahamas:** Building a Sustainable National Marine Protected Area Network (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2.20 m)
9. **Colombia:** Designing and Implementing a National Sub-System of Marine Protected Areas (SMPA) (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4.85 m)
10. **Ecuador:** Sustainable Financing of Ecuador's National System of Protected Areas (SNAP) and Associated Private and Community-managed PA Subsystems (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$6.40 m)
11. **India:** BS Capacity Building on Biosafety for Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol - Phase II under the Biosafety Program (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2.73 m)
12. **Madagascar:** Support to the Madagascar Foundation for Protected Areas and Biodiversity (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$10.0 m)

Climate Change

13. **China:** Provincial Energy Efficiency Scale-Up Program (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$ 13.39 m)
14. **India-** IND Energy Efficiency Improvements in Commercial Buildings - under the Programmatic Framework for Energy Efficiency (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$5.20 m)
15. **India -** IND Improving Energy Efficiency in the Indian Railway System - under the Programmatic Framework for Energy Efficiency (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$5.20 m)
16. **India -** IND Promoting Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy in Selected Micro SME Clusters in India – under the Programmatic Framework for Energy Efficiency (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant: \$7.17 m)
17. **Pakistan:** Pakistan Sustainable Transport Project (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$4.85 m)
18. **Russian Federation:** RUS - Building Energy Efficiency in the North West of Russia (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$5.84 m)
19. **Turkey:** Improving Energy Efficiency in Industry (UNDP/UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant: \$5.90 m)

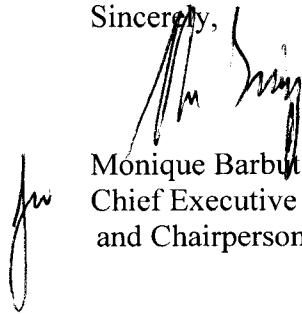
Persistent Organic Pollutants

20. **Regional (Cambodia, Lao PDR, Mongolia, Philippines, Thailand):** Demonstration of BAT and BEP in Fossil Fuel-fired Utility and Industrial Boilers in Response to the Stockholm Convention on POPs (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant: \$4.0 m)
21. **Argentina:** Environmentally Sound Management and Disposal of PCBs in Argentina (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$3.40 m)
22. **India:** Environmentally Sound Management and final disposal of PCBs in India (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant: \$14.10 m)
23. **Peru:** Environmentally Sound Management and Disposal of PCBs (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant: \$2.58 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,



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Chief Executive Officer
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cc: Alternates, all those invited to Council meetings