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Dear Council Member:

I am writing in reference to my letter of January 22, 2008, under cover of which we circulated for Council review and approval the January Intersessional Work Program.

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

The approved decision reads:

The Council reviewed the proposed work program posted on January 22, 2008, and approves the work program comprising the following Project Identification Forms (PIFs), subject to the comments submitted to the Secretariat by February 19, 2008:

Biodiversity:

1. **Regional (Dominican Republic, Jamaica, St. Lucia, Trinidad and Tobago, Bahamas) : Mitigating the Threats of Invasive Alien Species in the Insular Caribbean (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant: \$2.57 m)**
2. **Colombia : Protecting Biodiversity in the Southwestern Caribbean Sea (IADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$3.00 m)**
3. **Kazakhstan : Kazak Steppe Conservation and Management (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$2.22 m)**
4. **Mauritius : Expanding Coverage and Strengthening Management Effectiveness of the Terrestrial Protected Area Network on the Island of Mauritius (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$4.00 m)**
5. **Russian Federation : Strengthening the Marine and Coastal Protected Areas of Russia (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$4.00 m)**
6. **Thailand : Catalyzing Sustainability of Thailand's Protected Area System (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$3.37 m)**
7. **Turkey : Strengthening Protected Area Network of Turkey: Catalyzing Sustainability of Marine and Coastal Protected Areas (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$2.30 m)**

Climate Change:

8. **Ukraine : Creating Markets for Renewable Power in Ukraine (EBRD) (GEF Project Grant: \$8.45 m)**

Multi-focal Areas:

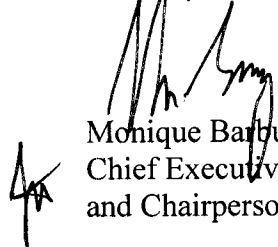
9. **Tajikistan : Sustaining Agricultural Biodiversity in the Face of Climate Change (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$1.90 m)**

Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs):

10. **China** : *Improvement of Production Technology of Dicofol from DDT and Introduction Technology for Leaf Mites Control (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$6.00 m)*
11. **Kazakhstan** : *Design and Execution of a Comprehensive PCB Management Plan for Kazakhstan (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$3.30 m)*
12. **Vietnam** : *Environmental Remediation of Dioxin Contaminated Hotspots in Vietnam (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$4.98 m)*
13. **Vietnam** : *PCB Management Demonstration Project (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant: \$7.00 m)*

The 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, Trustee