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Dear Council Member,

I am writing in reference to my letter of June 26, 2008, under cover of which we circulated for GEF Council review and approval the June 2008 Intersessional Work Program.

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

The approved decision reads:

The GEF Council reviewed the proposed work program posted on June 26, 2008, and approves the work program comprising the following 20 Project Identification Forms (PIFs), subject to the comments submitted to the Secretariat by July 24, 2008:

Biodiversity

1. **Regional (Colombia, Ecuador, Peru) : Facilitation of Financing for Biodiversity-based Businesses and Support of Market Development Activities in the Andean Region (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$ 6.41 m)**
2. **Regional (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan) : Tien Shan Ecosystem Development Project (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$ 3.30 m)**
3. **China : CBPF Integrated Ecosystem and Water Resources Management in the Baiyangdian Basin (ADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$ 2.98 m)**
4. **Cote d'Ivoire : Protected Area Management Project (PCGAP) (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$ 2.54 m)**
5. **Haiti : Establishing a Financially Sustainable National Protected Areas System (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$ 2.63 m)**
6. **Madagascar : Network of Managed Resource Protected Areas (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$ 6.00 m)**
7. **Panama : Mainstreaming Biodiversity Conservation into the Operation of the Tourism and Fisheries Sectors in Las Perlas Archipelago (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$ 1.70 m)**

8. **Philippines** : *Expanding and Diversifying the National System of Terrestrial Protected Areas (UNDP) (GEF Grant : \$ 3.50 m)*
9. **Vietnam** : *Removing Barriers Hindering PA Management Effectiveness in Vietnam (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$ 3.54 m)*

Climate Change

10. **Brazil** : *Sugarcane Renewable Electricity (SUCRE) (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$ 7.80 m)*
11. **China** : *Phasing-out Incandescent Lamps & Energy Saving Lamps Promotion (PILESLAMP) (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$ 14.00 m)*
12. **Russian Federation** : *Market Transformation Programme on Energy Efficiency in GHG-Intensive Industries in Russia (EBRD/UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$ 15.39 m)*
13. **Russian Federation** : *RUS: Transforming the Market for Efficient Lighting (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$ 7.02 m)*

International Waters

14. **Regional (Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro)** : *Protection and Sustainable Use of the Dinaric Karst Aquifer System (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$ 2.16 m)*
15. **Regional (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia)** : *Reducing Transboundary Degradation in the Kura-Aras Basin (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$ 2.90 m)*

Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)

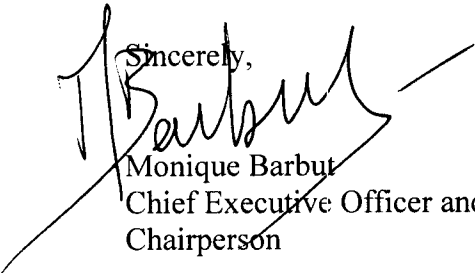
16. **Regional (Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Togo, Congo DR, Mauritania, Morocco, Guinea-Bissau, Guinea)** : *Demonstration of a Regional Approach to Environmentally Sound Management of PCB Liquid Wastes and Transformers and Capacitors Containing PCBs (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$ 4.89 m)*
17. **Azerbaijan** : *Environmentally Sound Management and Disposal of PCBs (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$ 2.12 m)*

Multi-focal Areas

18. **Regional (Dominican Republic, Haiti)** : *Reducing Conflicting Water Uses in the Artibonite River Basin through Development and Adoption of a Multi-focal Area Strategic Action Programme (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$ 3.08 m)*
19. **China** : *PRC-GEF Partnership: Sustainable Development in Poor Rural Areas (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$ 4.27 m)*
20. **Haiti** : *SFM Sustainable Land Management of the Upper Watersheds of South Western Haiti (IADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$ 3.44 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 Implementing Agency, provided that the CEO circulates to the GEF 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.

*With respect to the **Venezuela** : Commercialization of Energy-efficient Appliances in Venezuela (UNDP), the Council requests that the project proposal be deferred for consideration at the November 2008 Council meeting.*

Sincerely,

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Chairperson

cc: Alternates, all those invited to Council meetings