

September 5, 2013

Dear Council Member:

I am writing in reference to my letter of July 31, 2013, under cover of which we circulated for GEF Council review and approval of the August 2013 Special Intersessional Work Program.

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

The approved decision, taking into account Council Member's comments, reads as follows:

*The GEF Council reviewed the proposed special intersessional work program posted on the GEF website on July 31, 2013, and approves the work program, comprising of the following six non-expedited enabling activity proposals, subject to the comments submitted to the Secretariat by August 28, 2013:*

***Climate Change***

1. ***Ecuador:*** *Third National Communication (3NC) and First Biennial Update Report (BUR) (GEF Enabling activity Grant: \$852,000)*
2. ***Jamaica:*** *Third National Communication (TNC) and Biennial Update Report to the UNFCCC (GEF Enabling activity Grant: \$852,000)*
3. ***Malaysia:*** *Third National Communication (TNC) to the UNFCCC and Biennial Update Reporting (BUR) (GEF Enabling activity Grant: \$852,000)*
4. ***Paraguay:*** *Third National Communication on Climate Change and First Biennial Update Report (GEF Enabling activity Grant: \$852,000)*
5. ***Thailand:*** *Third National Communication (TNC) and Biennial Update Report to the UNFCCC (GEF Enabling activity Grant: \$852,000)*

6. *Yemen: Third National Communication and First Biennial Update Report to the UNFCCC (GEF Enabling activity Grant: \$852,000)*

The Council finds that each proposal 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 draft final project documents fully incorporate and address the Council's comments on the work program, 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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cc: Alternates, all those invited to Council meetings