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Dear Council Member:

This letter supersedes my letter of June 8, 2010 to Council.

I am writing in reference to my letter of May 10, 2010, under cover of which we circulated for GEF Council review and approval of the June 2010 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 program¹ posted on May 10, 2010, and approves the work program comprising the following 28 Project Identification Forms (PIFs), subject to the comments submitted to the Secretariat by June 7, 2010:

Biodiversity

1. ***Ethiopia*** : Capacity Building for Access and Benefit Sharing and Conservation and Sustainable Use of Medicinal Plants (UNEP)
(GEF Project Grant : \$2,047,000)

Climate Change

2. ***Argentina*** : Sustainable Use of Biogas from Agro Industrial and Solid Waste Applications (IADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,909,000)
3. ***Belarus*** : LGGE Improving Energy Efficiency in Residential Buildings(UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,500,000)
4. ***Bhutan*** : Promoting Sustainable Rural Biomass Energy (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,703,000)

¹ The Council Member representing the United States of America, in light of its national legislation regarding its country's voting position for development projects financed by certain development institutions, opposed the following projects: (6) *Iran: LGGE Policy Reforms and Market Transformation of the Energy Efficient Buildings Sector*; (17) *Syria: LGGE Energy Efficiency Building Codes*; and (20) *Regional (Djibouti, Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Yemen): Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Strategic Ecosystem Management*.

5. **Brazil** : *Mitigation Options of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions in Key Sectors (UNEP)*
(GEF Project Grant : \$4,180,000)
6. **Iran** : *LGGE Policy Reforms and Market Transformation of the Energy Efficient Buildings Sector(UNDP)* (GEF Project Grant : \$4,000,000)
7. **Jamaica** : *LGGE Promoting Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy in Buildings (UNEP)*
(GEF Project Grant : \$2,361,000)
8. **Kazakhstan** : *LGGE Promotion of energy efficient lighting(UNDP)* (GEF Project Grant : \$3,400,000)
9. **Mauritius** : *Removal of Barriers to Solar PV Power Generation in Mauritius, Rodrigues and the Outer Islands (UNDP)* (GEF Project Grant : \$2,005,000)
10. **Mexico** : *Fifth National Communication to the UNFCCC (UNDP)* (GEF Project Grant : \$2,707,536)
11. **Namibia** : *Concentrating Solar Power Technology Transfer for Electricity Generation (NAM CSP TT) (UNDP)* (GEF Project Grant : \$1,718,000)
12. **Panama** : *Sustainable and climate-friendly development in Veraguas Province - Proyecto Participa (IFAD)* (GEF Project Grant : \$1,500,000)
13. **Peru** : *Lighting Market Transformation (UNEP)* (GEF Project Grant : \$1,636,000)
14. **Russian Federation** : *Reducing GHG Emissions from Road Transport in Russia's medium-sized Cities (UNDP)* (GEF Project Grant : \$5,400,000)
15. **Seychelles** : *Grid-Connected Rooftop Photovoltaic Systems (UNDP)* (GEF Project Grant : \$1,160,000)
16. **Sri Lanka** : *Promoting Sustainable Biomass Energy Production and Modern Bio-Energy Technologies (UNDP/FAO)* (GEF Project Grant : \$1,996,250)
17. **Syria** : *LGGE Energy Efficiency Buildings Codes (UNDP)*
(GEF Project Grant : \$3,460,000)
18. **Tajikistan** : *Technology Transfer and Market Development for Small-Hydropower(UNDP)*
(GEF Project Grant : \$2,000,000)

International Waters

19. **Global** : *Global Foundations For Reducing Nutrient Enrichment and ODFLB Pollution in Support of GNC (UNEP)* (GEF Project Grant : \$1,718,182)
20. **Regional (Djibouti, Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Yemen)** :
Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Strategic Ecosystem Management (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,000,000)

21. **Regional (Jordan, Morocco, Palestinian Authority) : Regional Technical Assistance and Capacity Building for the Promotion of Treated Wastewater Reuse in the Mediterranean /MENA Countries (World Bank)**
(GEF Project Grant : \$4,545,455)

Multi Focal Area

22. **Regional (Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico) : Meso-American Barrier Reef System II**
(World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,340,000)
23. **Regional (Central African Republic, Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Cameroon, Congo DR) : CBSP - A Regional Focus on Sustainable Timber Management in the Congo Basin**
(UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,075,681)
24. **Regional (Mongolia, Russian Federation) : Integrated Natural Resource Management in the Baikal Basin Transboundary Ecosystem (UNDP)** (GEF Project Grant : \$3,898,000)
25. **Chile : Sustainable Land Management (World Bank)**
(GEF Project Grant : \$5,863,636)

Ozone Depleting Substances

26. **Regional (Belarus, Tajikistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan) : Initial Implementation of Accelerated HCFC Phase-out in the CEIT Region (UNDP)** (GEF Project Grant : \$9,000,000)

POPs

27. **India : Environmentally Sound Management of Medical Wastes(UNIDO)** (GEF Project Grant : \$10,000,000)
28. **Lebanon : PCB Management Project (World Bank)**
(GEF Project Grant : \$2,538,900)

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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Cc: Alternates, all those invited to Council meetings