

Naoko Ishii CEO and Chairperson

April 29th, 2019

Ms. Emilia Battaglini GEF Executive Coordinator The World Bank 1818 H St., NW Washington DC. 20433

Subject: Project Cancellation Notification

Dear Ms. Battaglini:

The World Bank, having consulted the relevant government agencies and co-financiers that were involved in project preparation for the project cited below, requested the GEF Secretariat to cancel the project for reasons indicated in the attached Cancellation Notification.

Last Project Status:	CEO Approved Medium-sized Project (MSP)
GEFSEC ID:	9754
Agency:	World Bank
Agency ID:	155968 (World Bank)
Focal Area:	Land Degradation
Project Type:	Medium-sized Project
Country:	Moldova
Name of Project:	Climate Adaptation & Forestry Project
GEF Project Grant:	\$2,000,000
Agency Fee:	\$190,000
Cancelled GEF Project Grant:	\$2,000,000
Cancelled Agency Fee:	\$98,400
Funding Source:	GEF Trust Fund

In light of this development, I have accepted the cancellation notice and will cancel the project. The cancelled GEF Project Grant Amount and Agency Fee allocated for this project will be returned to the GEF Trust Fund following the GEF cancellation procedures and the provisions in the Financial Procedures Agreement between the Trustee and the World Bank.

Sincerely

Naoko Ishii Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson

Attachment:World Bank's Cancellation NotificationCopy to:Moldova's Operational Focal Point, GEF Agencies, Trustee

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AGENCY NOTIFICATION ON AMENDED/DROPPED/SUSPENDED/CANCELLED (SELECT PROJECT TYPE)

15-Mar-2019

PROJECT [DENTIFIER

Name of Project: Climate Adaptation Project Country(ies): Moldova GEF Agency: The World Bank GEF Project ID: P163720 Agency Project ID: 9754 Focal Area: Land Degradation

Trust Fund: GEF PIF Approval Date:

PPG Approval Date: Council Approval Date (for FSP):

CEO Approval Date (for MSP, EA): 08-Mar-2017

CEO Endorsement Date (for FSP):

FINANCIAL STATUS FSP/MSP/EA Amended/Dropped/Suspension/Cancellation Date: Grant Amount: \$2,000,000 Agency Fee: \$190,000 Undisbursed Grant Amount: \$2,000,000 Undisbursed Agency Fee: \$98,400

Explanation for amending/dropping/suspending/cancelling project¹⁹⁰:

The withdrawal of the financing agreements is recommended based on two factors: (i) the intention of the Ministry of Finance not to proceed with implementation of the project, as highlighted by a letter from the Minister of Finance dated August 20, 2018(attached) requesting suspension of the project and a subsequent letter dated November 2, 2018 confirming the Government's desire to cancel the Project (attached); and, (ii) more than eighteen months have passed since Board Approval and the government has not signed the associated financing agreements.

AGENCY CERTIFICATION

The World Bank would like to inform the GEF Secretariat that it will amend/drop/cancel/suspend the above-mentioned project after consultation with the beneficiary country, particularly with the relevant government agencies involved in project preparation/implementation, and other partners including co-financiers.

Emilia Battaglini

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¹⁹⁰ Attach evidence of consultation with country regarding the amended/dropped/cancelled/suspended project.