

Naoko Ishii CEO and Chairperson

September 16, 2016

Dear Council Member:

FAO as the Implementing Agency for the project entitled: Argentina: Governance Strengthening for the Management and Protection of Coastal-Marine Biodiversity in Key Ecological Areas and the Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (EAF), has submitted the attached proposed project document for CEO endorsement prior to final approval of the project document in accordance with FAO procedures.

The Secretariat has reviewed the project document. It is consistent with the proposal approved by Council in April 2013 and the proposed project remains consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures. The attached explanation prepared by FAO satisfactorily details how Council's comments and those of the STAP have been addressed. I am, therefore, endorsing the project document.

We have today posted the proposed project document on the GEF website at <u>www.TheGEF.org</u>. If you do not have access to the Web, you may request the local field office of UNDP or the World Bank to download the document for you. Alternatively, you may request a copy of the document from the Secretariat. If you make such a request, please confirm for us your current mailing address.

Sincerely,

Naoko Ishii

Attachment: GEFSEC Project Review Document

cc: Country Operational Focal Point, GEF Agencies, STAP, Trustee