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**Subject: Endorsement for the “Developing the Protected Area System in Armenia” Project Proposal**

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for the Republic of Armenia, I confirm that the above project proposal (a) is in accordance with the government’s national priorities and the commitments made by Republic of Armenia under the Convention on Biodiversity and (b) has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the National Focal Point to Convention, in accordance with GEF’s policy on public involvement.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the preparation of the “Developing the Protected Area System in Armenia” project proposal with the support of UNDP. If approved, the proposal will be prepared and implemented by the UNDP Armenia. Further, I request UNDP to provide a copy of the project document for consideration before it is submitted to the GEF Secretariat for CEO endorsement.

I understand that the total GEF financing being requested for this project is 1.100.000 USD, inclusive of project preparation grant (PPG) and Agency fee (10%) to UNDP for project cycle management services associated with this project.

I consent to the utilization of the following indicative allocations available to the Republic of Armenia in GEF-4 under the GEF Resource Allocation Framework to cover the GEF project preparation and implementation as well as the associated Agency fees for this project.

Biodiversity: \$1.100.000

Sincerely,

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GEF Political and Operational Focal Point for Armenia  
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