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Mr. Yannick Glemarec
GEF Executive Coordinator
United Nations Development Programme
One United Nations Plaza
304 East 45th St.
FF Bldg., 10th floor
New York, NY 10017

Dear Mr. Glemarec:

I am pleased to inform you that I am approving the medium-sized project proposal entitled ***Benin: SPWA Incorporation of Sacred Forests into the Protected Areas System of Benin under the Regional: SPWA-BD: GEF Program in West Africa: Sub-component on Biodiversity*** for \$950,000 chargeable against the GEF Trust Fund (GEFTF). I understand that this project proposal will be submitted for Agency approval in accordance with the UNDP procedures. I note that a project preparation grant of \$50,000 was previously approved for preparation of this project and that a report on the use of those funds has been submitted to the Secretariat. Taking into account the project preparation funds, total GEF grant for the project is \$1,000,000.

I am also approving the agency fee of \$95,000 for project cycle management services.

I am approving this project on the understanding that the project will meet the following milestones:

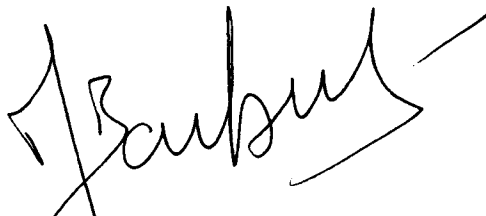
- (i) the GEF Agency approval will be signed no later than September 2010;
- (ii) the closing date of the project grant will be no later than April 2014 and a terminal evaluation/project completion report will be submitted to the GEF Secretariat within 6 months of such closing date.

You are requested to ensure that the GEF Secretariat is informed when each of these milestones is met. If any milestone is not achieved, and after consultations with your agency, I may agree to revised milestones or recommend cancellation, termination, or suspension of the project, and I will communicate to the beneficiary country and your agency the basis for such a recommendation.

Please ensure that your grant agreements continue to fully reflect these understandings.

I am attaching a copy of the project tracking sheet for your records.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Monique Barbut', enclosed within a hand-drawn rectangular box.

Monique Barbut
Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson
Global Environment Facility

Attachment: GEF Project Tracking Sheet, GEFSEC Review Sheet

Copy to: Country Operational Focal Point, GEF Agencies, STAP, Trustee

Biodiversity
OP: Oper Program

PMIS Project ID: 3770
UNDP

GEF Project Tracking System
Medium-Sized Project Clearance/Approval

Benin: SPWA Incorporation of Sacred Forests into the Protected Areas System of Benin

Authority	GEF Contribution	Total Cost	Requested Action	Signature	Date
PIF Approval	\$950,000	\$5,020,000			
Agency Fee (at PIF)	\$95,000				
Program Manager			Recommendation	<u>Jean-Marc Sinnassamy</u>	07/16/09
Team Leader			Clearance	<u>Gustavo Alberto Fonseca</u>	7/14/09
CEO			Approval	Monique Barbut	Authorized by MB on 7/7/09
PPG Approval	\$50,000	\$68,900			
Program Manager			Recommendation	<u>Jean-Marc Sinnassamy</u>	07/16/09
Team Leader			Clearance	<u>Gustavo Alberto Fonseca</u>	7/8/09
CEO			Approval	Monique Barbut	
MSP Approval	\$950,000	\$5,020,000 \$5,656,273			
Agency Fee (at CEO Approval)	\$95,000				
Program Manager			Recommendation	<u>Jean-Marc Sinnassamy</u>	7/12/10 XJMS.
Team Leader			Clearance	<u>Gustavo Alberto Fonseca</u>	5/12/10
CEO			Council Notification		07/13/10
CEO			Approval	<u>e. signature</u> Monique Barbut	7/27/10