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Dear Council Member:

I am writing to notify you that we have today posted in the GEF's website at www.gefweb.org, a medium-sized project proposal from World Bank entitled ***Bolivia: Removing Obstacles to Direct Private-Sector Participation in In-situ Biodiversity Conservation***. The GEF will contribute \$705,000 towards a total cost of \$1,117,000.

The objective of this project is to facilitate the development of private conservation initiatives that will contribute to globally-significant biodiversity conservation in high-priority eco-regions. This will be done through strengthening the regulatory and incentives framework, testing innovative conservation initiatives on four pilot sites, strengthening the technical capacity of private landowners, and disseminating the lessons learned throughout Bolivia and Latin America.

The project proposal is being posted for your information. We would welcome any comments you may wish to provide by September 18, 2002, in accordance with the procedures approved by the Council.

If you do not have access to the Web, you may request the local field office of the World Bank or UNDP 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,

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Chief Executive Officer and Chairman

cc: Alternates, Implementing Agencies, STAP