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Mr.

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The World Bank

Brasília, DF, BRAZIL

Subject: Endorsement *Programa de Áreas Protegidas da Amazônia – ARPA – Fase II*

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Brazil, I confirm that the above project proposal (a) is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitments made by Brazil to the relevant global environmental conventions and (b) has been discussed with relevant stakeholders as appropriate in this stage, including the global environmental convention focal points, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

Accordingly, I am pleased to re-endorse the above project proposal with the support of the World Bank. The proposal will be prepared and implemented by the Ministério do Meio Ambiente and FUNBIO. The present endorsement replaces the one previously emitted for this project in 10/17/08.

May I inform you that the present endorsement will remain valid provided that the corresponding Implementing Agency keeps this OFP informed by means of periodic executive reports on the development of the project. Additionally, I would like to request the WB to provide a copy of the completed project documentation for acknowledgment by this office before it is submitted to the GEF Secretariat for CEO endorsement.

I understand that the total GEF financing being requested for this project is US\$ 16,000,000.00, and US\$ 1,600,000.00 of fees to the WB for project cycle management services associated with this project.

Thus, I consent to the utilization of the following indicative allocations available to Brazil 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:	US\$ 16,000,000.00
Fee:	US\$ 1,600,000.00

Sincerely,


CARLOS EDUARDO LAMPERT COSTA
Deputy Secretary