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To the attention of:

**Rita E. Cestti
ECSSD
The World Bank
1818 H Street N.W., Room H5-361
Washington, DC 20433
USA**

Dear Ms. Cestti,

Please find attached the requested updated Letter of Endorsement to the 'Pomorie Lake Conservation, Restoration and Management' Project, signed by Ms. Fathme Iliaz, the GEF Focal Point for Bulgaria.

Sincerely,
Hristo Nikolov
Green Balkans

To
The World Bank
Environmental Division
1819 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20433 USA

Dear Madam, Sir,

Re: Letter of Endorsement

In my capacity of the Bulgarian Operational Focal Point, hereby I endorse the Project idea 'Pomorie Lake: Conservation, Restoration and Management' submitted by Green Balkans-Federation of Nature Conservation NGOs.

The Project idea is in conformity with the goals and strategic directions of the:

- National Action Plan for the Conservation of the Most Important Wetlands (1993)
- National Biodiversity Conservation Strategy (1995)
- National Action Plan for the Biodiversity Conservation (1999)

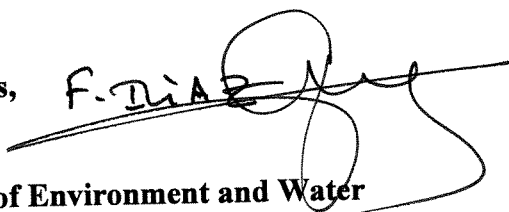
The project, if implemented successfully, will represent a valuable contribution to achieving national priorities and fulfill international obligations Bulgaria has in the field of biodiversity.

I believe that with your valuable assistance, the Project will be successfully developed and approved within the periods foreseen in the operational documents for GEF Medium-sized projects.

Sincerely yours,

Fathme Iliaz

Vice Minister of Environment and Water

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Iliaz', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Sofia, June 30th, 2004