

Departamento de Relaciones Internacionales

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Mr Enrique Ganuza, UNDP Resident Representative UNDP Santiago de Chile

<u>Subject: Endorsement for the Project "Building a Comprehensive National System of Protected Areas for Chile"</u>

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

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the preparation of the above project proposal with the support of UNDP. If approved, the proposal will be prepared and implemented by CONAMA. Further, I request UNDP to provide a copy of the project document for final review 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\$5.843 million, inclusive of project preparation grant approved under GEF 3 (PDFB), 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 Chile 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\$15.7 RAF allocation of which US\$5.531 would be discounted for this project as the PDF B was allocated under GEF3. This breaks down as US\$5.0 million FSP plus US\$ 0.531 IA fee. This IA fee is derived from 10% of the total cost of the FSP together with that of the PDFB.

Sincerely,

Ximena George-Nascimento GEF Operational Focal Point

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