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Mr. Yannick Glemarec
GEF Executive Coordinator
United Nations Development Programme
New York, NY 10017

Dear Mr. Glemarec:

I am pleased to inform you that I am endorsing the project proposal entitled **China: CBPF: Strengthening Globally Important Biodiversity Conservation Through Protected Area Strengthening in Gansu Province under the China: CBPF China Biodiversity Partnership and Framework for Action**, for \$1,738,000 in financing from the GEF Trust Fund (GEFTF). I understand that this project proposal will be submitted for approval in accordance with the UNDP procedures. I note that a project preparation grant (PPG) of \$80,000 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 PPG, the entire GEF grant for the project is \$1,818,000.

I am also endorsing the fee of \$173,800 for project cycle management services.

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

- (i) The GEF Agency approval will be signed no later than September 2010;
- (ii) A report on the status of the project at mid-term will be submitted to the Secretariat no later than September 2012; and
- (iii) The closing date of the project grant will be no later than December 2014, and a terminal evaluation/project completion report will be submitted to the Secretariat within 6 months of such closing date.

You are requested to ensure that the GEF Secretariat is informed when each of these milestones has been met. If any milestone is not or will not be achieved, you are requested to inform me as early as possible. After consultations with your Agency, I may agree to revised milestones or recommend to your Agency the cancellation 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 this understanding. A copy of the project tracking and review sheets is attached for your records.

Sincerely,

Attachment: GEF Tracking Sheet, GEFSEC Review Sheet
Copy: Country Operational Focal Point, GEF Agencies, STAP, Trustee