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Ministry of Finance, People's Republic of China

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To: Mr. Yannick Glemarec
UNDP/GEF Executive Coordinator
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
New York, NY 10017, U.S.A

Subject: Endorsement for Strengthening Globally Important Biodiversity Conservation Through Protected Area Strengthening in Gansu Province Project

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for China, I confirm that the above project proposal (a) is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitments made by China 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. This project is designed as an integral component of the China Biodiversity Partnership Framework (CBPF).

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 the Gansu Provincial Government. Further, I request UNDP to provide a copy of the project document for information of this office before submission to the GEF Secretariat for CEO endorsement.

I understand that the total GEF financing being requested for this project is US\$1,999,800 which includes US\$80,000 for project preparation (PPG) and US\$1,738,000 for implementation, and US\$181,800 (10% of the project and PPG amount) of fees to UNDP for project cycle management services associated with this project.

I consent to the utilization of the following indicative allocations available to China 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\$1,999,800

Sincerely,



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