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Ms
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Dear Ms Albert,

The Government of Colombia and the Ministry of the Environment, Housing and Territorial Development, in its capacity as GEF focal point, is pleased to inform you that our country hereby endorses the full size proposal "Colombian National Protected Areas Conservation Trust Fund" for GEF support and funding.

This Ministry considers that the proposal is consistent with national priorities according to the National Environmental Policy and therefore, supports the development and implementation of this project. It is also important to notice that this initiative will enable the Government of Colombia to consolidate the long-term sustainability strategy of Colombia's National Protected Areas System. Thus it will be complemented by the resources obtained through a debt-for-nature swap signed by the Government of Colombia under the Tropical Forest Conservation Act.

Sincerely,


OSCAR DARIO AMAYA NAVAS
Viceminister of Environment

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