



**Ministry of the Environment of Colombia**

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Dear Ms. Bradley:

I wish to refer to the request by the Fundación Pro-Selva for funding of the above-cited project. In my capacity as Global Environment Facility Focal Point, I hereby endorse the request as submitted. The Ministry of the Environment considers this project as a national priority, in accordance to the National Environment Policy.

I would also like to point out that the proposed Naya Corridor has been defined as a high priority region that is part of the Andes National Conservation Strategy developed by the Colombian government. The project formulation process has been based fundamentally on consultations held with the local communities, contributing towards the representation and importance of the Afro-Colombian communities and indigenous peoples in the region and territorial management of their resources.

Furthermore, the integrated management ecosystem focus adopted by the project within the context of regional development will result in the consecutive national, regional and global benefits in terms of the GEF operational principles.

Sincerely,

  
**Juan Mayr Maldonado**  
Minister of the Environment

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