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Subject: Endorsement for: Improve the prevention, the control and the management of Invasive Alien Species, in vulnerable ecosystems and productive areas.

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Cuba, I confirm that the above project proposal is (a) in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitments made by Cuba 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 the Center of Environmental Information, Management and Education – Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment. Further, I request UNDP to provide a copy of the project document for information of this office before it is submitted to the GEF Secretariat for CEO endorsement.

I understand that the total GEF financing being requested for this project is **\$5 600 000** inclusive of project preparation grant (PPG), 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 Cuba 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: \$ 15.1

Sincerely,

Jorge Luis Fernandez Chamero
Director
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