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To: Maryam Niamir-Fuller
Director
Division of Global Environment Facility
GEF Coordination, UNEP
PO Box 30552 Nairobi,
Kenya

Subject: Endorsement for: Agricultural Biodiversity Conservation and UNESCO Biosphere Reserves in Cuba: Briding managed and natural landscapes to achieve the Millennium Development Goals.

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Cuba, I confirm that the above project proposal (a) is 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 UNEP. If approved, the proposal will be prepared and implemented by Instituto de Investigaciones Fundamentales en Agricultura Tropical (INIFAT). Further, I request UNEP 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 \$ 1.615, which includes project preparation (PPG) and implementation, and 10% of the project and PPG amount of fees to UNEP 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 Fernández Chamero
GEF Political and Operational FP.

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