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Mr. Steve Gorman  
**GEF Executive Coordinator**  
**The World Bank**  
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Washington, D.C. 20433, U.S.A.

**Subject: Endorsement for the Management of Chimborazo's Natural Resources Project**

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Ecuador, I confirm that the above project proposal a) is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitments made by Ecuador 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 the World Bank. If approved, the proposal will be prepared and implemented by the Provincial Council of Chimborazo. Further, I request the World Bank to provide a copy of the project document for its approval before it is submitted to the GEF Secretariat for CEO endorsement.

I understand that the total GEF financing being requested for this project is \$4,400,000, which includes \$4,000,000 for project preparation (PPG) and implementation, and \$400,000 (10% of the project and PPG amount) of fees to the World Bank for project cycle management services associated with this project.

I consent to the utilization of the following indicative allocations available to Ecuador 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: \$ 4,400,000

Sincerely,

Anita Albán Mora

**MINISTER OF THE ENVIRONMENT OF ECUADOR**

Copy to: Lic. Cecilia Mantilla, Under Secretary of Natural Capital  
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