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Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Coordinator
UNEP/GEF Coordinator Office

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Dear Mr. Djoghlaif

Within the scope of our partnership, and following the decision of the KL meeting and on the basis of point 26 of the Joint Summary of the Chairs of the GEF Council held on 19- 21 May 2004, I endorse the MSP "Support to the Implementation of the National Biosafety Legislation of Egypt" and request UNEP to submit it immediately for funding.

I wish to note that Egypt ratified the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) on the 2nd June 1994 and ratified the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety on 21st November 2003, and the proposal aims to support the implementation of the objectives of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety in the signatory countries. In this respect, Egypt prepared its National Environmental Action Plan for 2002 – 2017, placing high priority on both Biodiversity and Biosafety by devoting separate sections to each.

Kindly be advised that Dr. Osama el Tayeb has revised the document, based on the KL meeting and GEF Council comments and it will be sent to you very soon.

In this regard, I would like to express my endorsement of the proposal which will be forward by Dr. El Tayeb for your consideration.

Thanking you for your kind cooperation, I remain.

Sincerely Yours,

Dr. Mohamed Sayed Khalil

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Chief Executive Officer
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