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26 July 2001

Mr. Mohamed El-Ashry
Chief Executive Officer and Chairman
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Dear Mr. El-Ashry,

On behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS), I am pleased to endorse the project proposal entitled "Medium Sized Project In Support of the Small Island Developing States Network," submitted by UNDP-GEF for execution by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA). We believe that GEF financial support for this project is another indication of your institution's continuing commitment to sustainable development objectives of the small island developing States (SIDS).

We believe that the regional partnership component of the proposal, to be carried out by the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and the University of the West Indies Center for Environment and Development (UWICED), provides a unique opportunity for intra-regional cooperation, institutional strengthening and dissemination of SIDS-specific information, which are all integral components of and can contribute to the further implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of SIDS

Yours sincerely,

Tulloma Neroni Slade
Ambassador/Permanent Representative
Chairman of AOSIS

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Mr. Mohamed El-Ashry
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Dear Mr. El-Ashry,

I have the honor to address you in my capacity as Director of the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and to refer to project proposal, "Medium Sized Project In Support of the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Network", submitted by UNDP-GEF.

I am pleased to inform that SPREP endorses and fully supports this project proposal, which will be implemented by UNDP-GEF and executed by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA). The importance of regional partnerships in the context this project and in support sustainable development of SIDS generally is widely acknowledged.

My institution stands ready to actively support the Pacific regional partnership component of the proposal, and will be working closely with UNDESA to the develop the necessary institutional modalities for the successful implementation of the project at within the Pacific Islands region.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Tutangata". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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July 27, 2001

Dr. Mohamed El-Ashry
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Dear Dr. El-Ashry,

I have the honour to address you in my capacity as Director of the University of the West Indies Centre for Environment and Development (UWICED) and would like to refer you to a project proposal, "**Medium Sized Project in Support of the Small Island Developing States Network**", submitted by the UNDP-GEF, a proposal fully endorsed by UWICED, as the designated Caribbean regional partnership component of the proposal.

The project, which will be implemented by UNDP-GEF and executed by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) fits very well with the mandate given to UWICED at the May 1997 Summit of Caribbean Leaders and the then United States President Bill Clinton, where on that occasion, UWICED was formally designated the regional focal point for information on sustainable development issues.

The University and UWICED, in particular, stands ready to actively support the Caribbean regional partnership component of the proposal and will be working closely with UNDESA to develop the necessary institutional modalities for the successful implementation of the project at the regional level, as this project will contribute significantly to the ongoing regional capacity building efforts.

Yours sincerely

Al Binger
Director