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Date: 16th July 2008

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Subject: Endorsement for 'Capacity Building on Bio-safety for Implementation of the Cartagena protocol – Phase II'

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for India, I confirm that the above project proposal (a) is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitments made by India 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 above proposal for GEF consideration and approval through UNEP. If approved, this proposal will be prepared and implemented by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, UNEP along with other partners.

I understand that the total GEF financing being requested for this project is USD 3 million from India's GEF 4 RAF allocation for biodiversity focal area including the Agency fee (10%) to UNEP for project cycle management services associated with this project.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Joint Secretary &

GEF Operational Focal Point India

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