United Nations Development Programme

Global Environment Facility



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Dear Mr. Good,

<u>Subject: BD/OP-4, Iran "Conservation of Biodiversity in the Central Zagros Landscape Conservation Zone" – PIMS no. 2278</u>

I am pleased to attach herewith the above-mentioned project document. The brief was approved as part of the GEF July Intersessional Workprogramme in September 2004. Also attached are the co-financing letter(s) from the Management and Planning Organization of the Govt. of Iran (covering the total co-financing committed by all government agencies towards the project), UNDP Iran, as well as several local private sector firms and NGOs including DG Graphix, Batak, HydroIran, Damavand Skiiing and Mountaineering Club, Iranian Nature Association, OUDJ SABZ Mountaineering Club, and Fars Green Center. This project did not receive any Council comments.

As per paragraph 29 and 30 of the GEF Project Cycle, we are submitting this project document for circulation to the members of the GEF Council and, subsequently, for your final endorsement.

Thank you in advance for expediting the review and endorsement of this project.

Yours sincerely,

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