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New York, USA

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Your reference: /Our reference:
Vientiane, 17.06.2010

Subject: SDC's support and parallel co-financing for the GEF project: Mainstreaming Biodiversity into Lao PDR's Agricultural and Land Management Policies, Programmes and Plans

Dear Mr. Glemarec,

This is to confirm the support of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) to the above mentioned GEF project. We consider this project as an important complement to the on-going TABI project ("The Agro-biodiversity Initiative") supported by SDC. We therefore confirm that USD 3.000,000 of the total budget can be considered as parallel co-financing for the above mentioned project.

We are very much looking forward to the commencement of the project and a good coordination with the SDC funded TABI project..

Yours sincerely,

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14 June 2010

Dear Ms. Yangchen-Rana,

Subject: Co-financing for GEF project: Mainstreaming Biodiversity into Lao PDR's Agricultural and Land Management Policies, Programmes and Plans

This is to confirm the support of FAO Laos to the nationally implemented "Mainstreaming Biodiversity into Lao PDR's Policies, Programmes and Plans" project. We consider this project as an important follow up to the National Agricultural Biodiversity Programme of Lao PDR and an important complement to the SDC funded "The Agro-biodiversity Initiative" (TABI). We therefore confirm that USD345.772 of the total budget can be considered as FAO in-kind co-financing for the above mentioned project. This letter is in support of the application by UNDP to GEFSEC for the GEF project GCP/LAO/015/GFF.

We are very much looking forward to the commencement of the project.

Yours sincerely,

Serge Verniau
Representative

Ms. Sonam Yangchen-Rana
Resident Representative
UNDP Lao-PDR
Vientiane, Lao-PDR



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23 JUN 2010

Dear Ms Sonam Yangchen Rana,

**Letter of Co-funding Commitment for the "Mainstreaming Biodiversity in Lao PDR's
Agricultural and Land Management Policies, Plans and Programmes"**

With this letter, we wish to acknowledge the formal intention and commitment of FAO Headquarters to support the full size UNDP/GEF project proposal on "Mainstreaming biodiversity in Lao PDR's agricultural and land management policies, plans and programmes".

In order to support further development and implementation of this project, we will provide in-kind support in the form of staff time equivalent to **USD 119 430**. Our in-kind contribution will provide technical backstopping to project implementation for the project duration of five years.

We look forward to the implementation of this project that is of great importance to mainstreaming biodiversity into agricultural and land management policies, plans and programmes, in collaboration with GEF, UNDP, the Government of Lao PDR and other partners that have contributed to its development.

Yours sincerely,

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22 June 2010

Dear Mr. Glemarec,

Subject: Co-financing for GEF project (PIMS: 2903, Project ID: 00075435): Mainstreaming Biodiversity into Lao PDR's Agricultural and Land Management Policies, Programmes and Plans

This is to confirm the support of the UNDP Lao PDR Country Office to the above mentioned GEF project focused on the conservation and sustainable use of agrobiodiversity. This project will combine UNDP and FAO support to the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, based on the comparative advantages of both UN organizations. We therefore confirm that the UNDP CO will contribute USD 213,000 in cash co-financing and USD 321,900 in-kind co-financing through UNDP CO staff time contributions to the above mentioned project.

We are very much looking forward to the commencement of the project.

Yours sincerely,



Javier Barrantes
Resident Representative a.i.

Mr. Yannick Glemarec,
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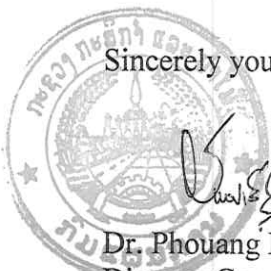
Dear Mr. Glemarec,

Subject: Full Size GEF Project Document--Mainstreaming Biodiversity in Lao PDR's Agricultural and Land Management Policies, Plans and Programmes

I would like to inform you that the elaboration of the Full Size Project Document for the above mentioned GEF project has now been completed and endorsed in principle by all stakeholders including the Ministry of Agriculture (MAF), UNDP, FAO and SDC. The project document has recently been submitted for final approval by the Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI). A formal approval letter and co-financing letter indicating the in-kind contribution to the project by MAF will be issued by MPI as soon as possible. In order to confirm government support to the project before the official submission deadline of the 30th of June 2010, I would suggest to attach the present letter to the project documentation submitted to the GEF Secretariat.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support and collaboration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,



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Director General of Planning Department, Ministry of Agriculture, Lao PDR

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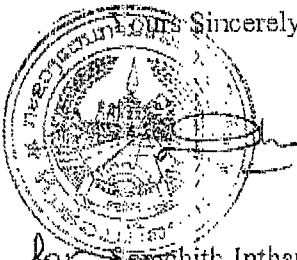
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Dear Ms. Sonam,

Subject: Approval of Mainstreaming Biodiversity in Lao PDR's Agricultural and
land Management Policies, Plans and Programmes

The Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Planning and Investment has the honor to inform UNDP that the Government of the Lao PDR has approved the Project title "Mainstreaming Biodiversity in Lao PDR's Agricultural and land Management Policies, Plans and Programmes", the total budget was granted 6,701,872 US\$, which a total of 556,200 US\$ of the Government in-kind co-financing for a period of 5 years and 2 months (01 October 2010- 30 November 2015). The Implementing agency is Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (Department of Planning)

We are looking forward to cooperating with you.

Yours Sincerely,

for Sanchith Inthamith
Director General

Mr. Sonam Yangchen Rana,
Resident Representative,
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Cc: - Department of International Organization, MOFA
- Department of Planning, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry