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LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT OF THE UNEP-GEF MSP PROPOSAL "SUPPORT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL BIOSAFETY FRAMEWORK FOR LITHUANIA"

Dear Mr. A. Djoghlaf,

Herewith the Ministry of Environment would like to express the official support and endorsement of the Medium-Size Project (MSP) proposal "Support for the Implementation of the National Biosafety Framework for Lithuania" and would appreciate if the UNEP took all the necessary steps forward to submit the Project Brief to the GEF Secretariat.

The Ministry of Environment as the National Competent Authority (NCA) for Biosafety sector in the Republic of Lithuania confirms the support for securing the proportionally balanced funds (in-kind co-financing), thus contributing to the implementation of the aforementioned MSP as it was formally specified in the letter of 7 October 2004. As an indication of our support for the MSP, we pledge the in-kind co-financing of the project in the total amount of US\$ 404,000.

We are looking forward to further co-operating during the actual implementation of the UNEP-GEF Medium-Size Project "Support for the Implementation of the National Biosafety Framework for Lithuania.".

Sincerely,

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