

October 21, 2010

Dear Council Member,

I am writing to notify you that we have today posted on the GEF's website at www.TheGEF.org, a medium-sized project proposal from UNEP entitled ***Macedonia: Support the Implementation of the National Biosafety Framework under the Global: BS GEF Biosafety Program***, to be funded under the GEF Trust Fund.

The project focuses on the sustainable forest and protected area management in the Bogd Khan Uul Special Protected Area, which is the world's oldest protected area established by the Chinghes Khan, a site of major biodiversity, cultural and spiritual significance. With proximity to the nation's capital, the project has a potential to raise awareness on the importance of SFM among the public and policy makers, thus develop relevant policies and increase budget allocation relevant to improved management of forest and protected areas.

The project proposal is being posted for your review. We would welcome any comments you may wish to provide by November 03, 2010, in accordance with the new procedures approved by the Council. You may send your comments to gcoordination@TheGEF.org.

If you do not have access to the Web, you may request the local field office of the World Bank or UNDP to download the document for you. Alternatively, you may request a copy of the document from the Secretariat. If you make such a request, please confirm for us your current mailing address.

Sincerely,

