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Dear Sir

***Support for the Implementation of the National Biosafety
Framework In Mauritius***

As you are aware, in 1997, the GEF Council approved a US \$ 2.7 million Pilot Biosafety Enabling Activity Project. The pilot project, which involved 18 countries included Mauritius. The project "Implementation of the National Biosafety Framework" for Mauritius is therefore consistent with the Initial Strategy for assisting countries to prepare for the entry into force of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety adopted by the GEF Council in November 2000.

2. Mauritius, having ratified the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety in April 2002, needs to build its capacity in a number of key areas in order to proceed further and implement its National Biosafety Framework.
3. Thus, on behalf of Government of Mauritius, and in my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point, I wish to endorse and forward to you, the proposal "Support for the Implementation of the National Biosafety Framework in Mauritius" to be presented, through the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to the Global Environment Facility for funding.
4. We look forward to your kind consideration in this matter.

Yours faithfully



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