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April 24, 2009

Ms. Maryam Niamir-Fuller
GEF Executive Coordinator
United Nations Environment Programme
Nairobi 00100, Kenya

Dear Ms. Niamir-Fuller:

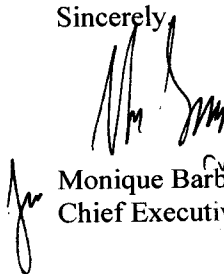
After reviewing the Project Identification Form (the "PIF") submitted for *Mexico: Integrating Trade offs between Supply of Ecosystem Services and Land use Options into Poverty Alleviation Efforts and Development Planning*, I am pleased to clear the PIF for an indicative amount of \$5,900,000 for possible inclusion in the next work program scheduled for review by the GEF Council. PIF clearance authorizes you to begin preparation of the project proposal taking into account the attached comments made by the GEF Secretariat based on the project concept's eligibility for grant under the GEF Trust Fund (GEFTF) and in conformity with focal area strategies. However, the final grant amount will be confirmed at the time of CEO endorsement, taking into account the Secretariat's review of the final project document's consistency with GEF policies and procedures, including the cost-effectiveness of the financing plan.

All PIFs cleared for inclusion in the work program will be posted on the website for four weeks prior to Council approval.

Should Council Members raise significant policy or strategic concerns about the concept, the Secretariat will undertake consultations with the beneficiary country and your Agency about revisions to address the Council Members' concerns or whether to cancel the project proposal and to recommend that the associated PPG, if any, be cancelled.

It is our expectation that your Agency will submit a final project document for endorsement no later than June 2010. You are requested to inform the Secretariat as early as possible if this timeline cannot be met. We will then consult with the beneficiary country and your Agency prior to reaching a decision on whether to establish new milestones or to cancel the concept.

Sincerely,



Monique Barbut
Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson

Attachments: GEF Project Tracking Sheet, GEFSEC Review Sheet

cc: Country Operational Focal Point, GEF Agencies, STAP, Trustee

Biodiversity
OP: Oper Program

PMIS Project ID: 3813
UNEP

GEF Project Tracking System
Project Clearance/Approval

Mexico: Integrating Trade offs between Supply of Ecosystem Services and Land use Options into Poverty Alleviation Efforts and Development Planning

Authority	GEF Contribution (US\$)	Total Cost (US\$)	Requested Action	Signature	Date
PIF Clearance	\$5,900,000	\$15,431,000			
Program Manager			Recommendation	<u>Mark Zimsky</u>	<u>4/24/09</u>
Team Leader			Clearance	<u>Gustavo Alberto Fonseca</u>	<u>4/24/09</u>
CEO			Approval	<u>Monique Barbut</u>	<u>26 April 09</u>
PPG Approval					
PPG Fees					
Program Manager			Recommendation	<u>Mark Zimsky</u>	
Team Leader			Clearance	<u>Gustavo Alberto Fonseca</u>	
CEO			Approval	<u>Monique Barbut</u>	
Work Program Inclusion	\$5,900,000	\$15,431,000	CEO Clearance/Council Circulation		
Agency Fee (at WPI)	\$590,000				
Council Approval					
Endorsement w/o PPG					
Agency Fee (at CEO Endorsement)					
Program Manager			Recommendation	<u>Mark Zimsky</u>	
Team Leader			Clearance	<u>Gustavo Alberto Fonseca</u>	
CEO			Council Notification		
CEO			Approval	<u>Monique Barbut</u>	