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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 3, 1999

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**SUBJECT: PDF A: MOLDOVA: Water quality management and biodiversity conservation of the Lower Dniester River**

We have reviewed the above PDF A, and have the following comments:

- a) We had received this proposal as a concept from Professor Rusnac and had provided comments in a response dated April 30<sup>th</sup> 1998. We note that these have been taken into consideration in preparation of this PDF A.
- b) It is fine to have a consortium of applicants, but the proposal should be clear from the start who the lead executing agency will be, and how the funds will be administered.
- c) The need to have an integrated approach to management in the Delta and the Lower Dniester river requires transboundary dialogue and consensus – this activity should be included and budgeted for during the PDF A. The consensus and understanding would be critical to the viability of the project. The link to the Ukraine initiative should be clearly elaborated in the project brief.
- d) The PDF A should also include an analysis of the underlying causes of the problems related to the river management, and the need for a cross-sectoral approach to the management of the system. The planned activities as outlined do not provide for any of these institutional, policy and legal considerations.

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