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**Additional Secretary  
GEF Focal Point  
(Political/Operational)**

Ms. Monique Barbut,  
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**Subject: ENDORSEMENT OF GEF PROJECT ON MOUNTAINS AND MARKETS:  
BIODIVERSITY AND BUSINESS IN NORTHERN PAKISTAN**

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, I confirm that the above mentioned project proposal: (a) is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitments made by Pakistan under the relevant global environmental conventions; and, (b) has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the global environmental convention focal points, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the preparation of the above said project proposal with the support of UNDP/Forestry Wing, Ministry of Environment. If approved, the proposal will be prepared and implemented by Forestry Wing, Ministry of Environment.

I understand that the total GEF financing being requested for this project is US\$ 2.0 Million including Project Preparatory Grant (US\$ 25,000) and agency fee to UNDP for project cycle management services associated with this project.

I consent to the utilization of the above mentioned allocations available to Pakistan in GEF 4 under the GEF Resource Allocation Framework to cover the GEF project implementation as well as the associated GEF Implementing Agency fees for the project.

Climate Change: US \$ 13.2 Million      Biodiversity: US \$ 5.1 Million

Yours sincerely,

  
(Ishtiaq Ahmad Khan)

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