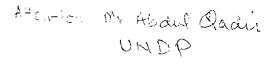
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Islamabad, the 28th July, 2008

Additional Secretary GEF Focal Point (Political/Operational)

Ms. Monique Barbut, Chief Executive Officer Global Environment Facility The World Bank Office, Washington DC

Subject:

ENDORSEMENT OF CEF 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

l consent to the utilization of the above mentioned allocations available to Pakistan in GEF 4 under the GEF Resource Allocation Francowork 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 sincercly,

(Ishtiak Almad Khan)

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