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<u>Subject:</u>	Clearing House Mechanism Add-on Module to the BSAP EAs:- Cameroon, Egypt, Hungary, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Poland and Seychelles	

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Dear Avani:

- 1) Please find the revised proposals for: Cameroon, Egypt, Hungary, Madagascar, Malawi and Mozambique, for the CHM add-on modules to the BSAP projects.

These proposals have been revised to reflect the clarifications that you requested. The letters of endorsement by the OFPs were transmitted to you with the initial submission of these requests.

- 2) Also find 2 new requests, i.e. Poland and Seychelles for which the letters of endorsement from the GEF Focal Points are hereto attached.

I look forward to your feedback.

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Global Environment Facility**Enabling Activity Proposal Add-on Component**

Country: Poland

Project title: Strengthening the National Clearing House Mechanism Focal Point for Participation in the Pilot Phase of the CHM of the CBD

GEF Focal Area: Biodiversity

Country Eligibility: Ratified the CBD

GEF Financing Requested: US\$ 11,500

GEF Implementing Agency: UNEP

National Implementing Agency: National Foundation for Environmental Protection

National CHM Focal Point Designated: Yes

Project Duration: Up to end of the pilot phase of the CHM of the CBD (end of 1998)

Background/Context:

In line with Decisions II/7 and II/17 of the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD, the Ministry of Environmental Protection, Natural Resources and Forestry of Poland is implementing a GEF-funded project for the preparation of a national biodiversity strategy, action plan and the first national report to the CBD (BSAP).

Facilitating capacity-building in relation to the operation of the Clearing House Mechanism (CHM) of the CBD in developing country Parties is one of the enabling activity components stipulated in the GEF Operational Criteria for Biodiversity Enabling Activities pursuant to Decisions II/3 and III/4 of the COP.

This proposal, requested as an add-on component to the BSAP enabling activity, will permit Poland to participate in the pilot phase of the CHM and to fulfill the requirements of Decisions I/3, II/3 and III/4 of the COP.

The requested budget for this activity is shown in the following table:

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**Budget for the Clearing House Mechanism Add-on Component of
Enabling Activity proposal:**

Poland * (US\$)

Item	GEF Estimated Cost Norm (US\$)	Country Actual Proposed (US\$)
- Hardware (PC of appropriate configuration)	0-4,000	5,000 (Including colour printer)
- Software (Internet browsers and required software)	0-1,000	500
- Modem	0-500	-
- Recurrent Access Costs to Internet Service Provider (up to end of CHM Pilot Phase 1998)	0-3,800	4,500
- Technician Set Up Fees	500-700	included in the next item (technical assistance and training)
- Internet and E-mail Training for CHM Focal Point **	1,000-4,000	1,500
Total	1,500-14,000	11,500

* Group I country, Option A:

Poland has the required telecommunications infrastructure and Internet connectivity potential. It has designated a Focal Point for the CHM, the National Foundation for Environmental Protection (NFEP).

The NFEP is also the national executing agency for the "NBSAP and First National Report to the CBD" project endorsed by the GEF in September, 1996.

** Technical assistance and training will be provided by GRID-Warsaw, as they have a long experience in this matter. Among others, they are collaborating on the BDM project in Poland and have elaborated an Internet version of "Environment in Poland" report.



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REPUBLIC OF POLAND
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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Warsaw, 01 October 1997

ref. endorsement of the project outlined in the letter by Mr. Andrzej Weigle from the Polish National Foundation for Environmental Protection

Dear Mr. Djoghlaf,

This is to endorse the UNEP/GEF project on the addition to the Clearing House Mechanism Module to the National Biodiversity Strategy, the Action Plan and the First National Report, as proposed by the Polish National Foundation for the Environmental Protection.

It is our understanding that the hardware, software and the know-how to be founded by GEF resources will enable a better access for different sectors of the society to the national biodiversity strategies and plans thus fulfilling the recommendations of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

We wish to thank you for taking that initiative, and hope to closely cooperate with you in the future,

I remain sincerely yours,

Zbigniew Szymański
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