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Subject: Endorsement for Sustainable Financing and Management of Eastern Caribbean Marine Ecosystem

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

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the preparation of the above project proposal with the support of the World Bank. If approved, the proposal will be prepared and implemented by the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States Secretariat and The Nature Conservancy. Further, I request the World Bank to provide a copy of the project document for reendorsement by this office before it is submitted to the GEF Secretariat for CEO endorsement.

I understand that the total GEF financing being requested for this project is \$12 million, out of which \$ 1,980,000 million applies to St. Vincent and the Grenadines's request, inclusive of project preparation grant (PPG), if any, and Agency fee (10%) to the World Bank for project cycle management services associated with this project.

I consent to the utilization of the following indicative allocations available to St. Vincent and the Grenadines in the GEF-4 under the GEF Resource Allocation Framework to cover its share in the GEF project preparation and implementation as well as the associated Agency fees for this Regional project.

GEF Agency	Focal Area	Country Name/Global	In \$			
			Project Preparation	Project	Fee	Total
World Bank	Biodiversity	XXXX	50,000	1,750,000	180,000	1,980,000

Sincerely,



Edmund Jackson
Environmental Services Coordinator