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Naoko Ishii
CEO and Chairperson

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Dear Council Member,

The UNDP as the Implementing Agency for the project entitled: *Regional (Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Jordan, Lebanon, Sudan): Mainstreaming Conservation of Migratory Soaring Birds into Key Productive Sectors along the Rift Valley / Red Sea Flyway (Tranche II of GEFID 1028)*, has submitted the attached proposed project document for CEO endorsement prior to final Agency approval of the project document in accordance with the UNDP procedures.

This project is a GEF-3 Council approved project conceived from the onset to consist of two funding tranches under one 10-year umbrella program. Tranche I has now been completed. A condition for the release of Tranche II GEF financing is the submission to GEF Council of a second GEF CEO Endorsement Request with the accompanying Project Document following an independent evaluation. Originally conceived as a Terminal Evaluation of Tranche I this was changed to a Mid-Term Review (MTR) of the overall program. This MTR was completed in 2015-2016 and the project rated as SATISFACTORY. Tranche II is a direct continuation of Tranche I, and most of the background analysis and responses remain valid, and so do the expected project objective, outcomes, outputs and activities. In response to the MTR, the overall structure of the project has been simplified and activities focused on a smaller set of countries.

The Secretariat has reviewed the project document. It is consistent with the project concept approved by the Council in November 2005 and the proposed project remains consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures. The attached project document prepared by the UNDP satisfactorily details how Council's comments and those of the STAP have been addressed.

We have today posted the proposed project document on the GEF website at www.TheGEF.org for your information. We would welcome any comments you may wish to provide by June 19, 2017 before I endorse the project. You may send your comments to gcoordination@TheGEF.org.

If you do not have access to the Web, you may request the local field office of UNDP or the World Bank to download the document for you. Alternatively, you may request a copy of the document from the Secretariat. If you make such a request, please confirm for us your current mailing address.

Sincerely,



Naoko Ishii
Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson

Attachment: Project Document
Copy to: Country Operational Focal Point, GEF Agencies, STAP, Trustee