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TO : Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaif
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Subject: Assessment of the Scale of Insect Infestation in Cedar Forests in the Mediterranean Region and Addressing the Infestation of the Tannourine-Hadath El-Jebbeh Cedars Forest.

Dear Mr. Djoghlaif,

The Ministry of Environment would like to seize this opportunity to acknowledge the continuous support of the Global Environment Facility especially its implementing agency the United Nations Environment Programme to environmental activities in Lebanon.

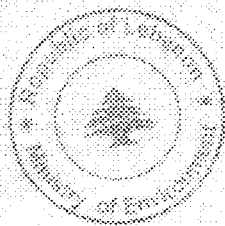
The project on the "Assessment of the Scale of Insect Infestation in Cedar Forests in the Mediterranean Region and Addressing the Infestation of the Tannourine-Hadath El-Jebbeh Cedars Forest" was reviewed and evaluated by the concerned services at the Ministry. Taking into consideration the project concept, the Ministry of Environment hereby endorses its contents. Please find attached a copy of the Project Brief for it to be proceeded with the GEF Secretariat.

The Ministry of Environment recognizes the importance of this project, which is in full synergy with the national priorities set by the biodiversity conservation strategies giving special recognition to the protection, and sustainable management of Cedar forests in the Mediterranean Region.

Looking forward for continuous cooperation between the UNEP and the Ministry

Sincerely,


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