

A LA ATENCIÓN DE:

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Object: : Endorsement of Project Transfrontier Corazón Biosphere Reserve. (Nicaragua and Honduras)

Dear Sir:

In my capacity of GEF Political Focal Point of Honduras, I would like to endorse my country's agreement to the project cited above.

It is in the interest of the Honduran Government of natural resources, strengthen the capacity of human systems in order to reduce the loss of natural resources in the Rio Platano Biosphere Reserve, Tawahka Reserve, Patuca Reserve, and other areas in La Mosquita, one the most vulnerable and extensive ecosystems of our country, and one of the most valuable biological treasures of Mesoamerica.

It is for the Honduran Ministry of natural resources number one priority to obtain GEF funds in order to achieve such goal.

The implementation of such project will help protect the area of the transfrontier Biosphere Reserve, one of the largest single block of unaltered tropical forest north of the Amazon Basin and pristine in Mesoamerica

I would like to express our disposition to provide all available resources for the successful development of the project and we look forward resolution for our petition.

Best regards,


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