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Subject: Endorsement for "Mainstreaming biodiversity conservation into Russia's energy sector policies and operations"

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Russia, I confirm that the above project proposal: (a) is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitments made by Russia under the UN Convention on Biodiversity Conservation; and (b) has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the preparation of the above project proposal with the support of UNDP. Further, I request UNDP to provide a copy of the project document for information of this office before it is submitted to the GEF Secretariat for CEO endorsement.

I understand that the total GEF financing for this project is \$ 8,111,000, inclusive of project preparation grant (PPG) and Agency fee (10%) to UNDP for project cycle management services associated with this project.

I consent to the utilization of the following indicative allocation available to Russia in GEF-4 under the GEF Resource Allocation Framework to cover the GEF project implementation as well as the associated Agency fees for this project.

Biodiversity: \$ 8,111,000

With best regards,
Igor I. Maydanov,
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Director of Department for International Cooperation