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Jozef Škultéty
Director of Department for Foreign Affairs

Bratislava July 10, 1998

Dear Madam, Sir,

Re.: Letter of Endorsement .

I in my capacity of the Slovak Republic GEF Operational Focal Point, hereby I endorse the Project idea „ Central European Grasslands : Conservation and Sustainable Use“ submitted by Daphne - Centre for Applied Ecology.

The Project idea is in conformity with the goals and strategic directions of the National Biodiversity Strategy approved by the Government of the Slovak Republic on April 1, 1997 and endorsed by the National Council of the Slovak Republic on July 2, 1997. The project, if implemented successfully, will represent a valuable contribution to achieving national priorities in the field of biodiversity. In consideration of a significant effort required to prepare a Project proposal I wish also to support the request by Daphne for financial assistance via Project Development Facility.

I trust that with your valuable assistance the Project will be successfully developed and approved within the periods foreseen in the operational documents for GEF medium size projects.

Sincerely yours,

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