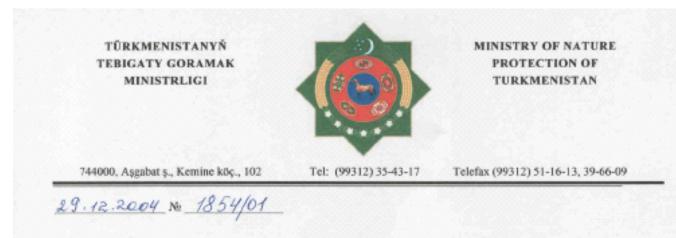
Endorsement letter and commitment letters



Dear Mr. Frank Pinto

Subject: UNDP/GEF Full Size Project Proposal "Conservation and Sustainable Use of Globally Significant Biological Diversity in Khazar Nature Reserve on the Caspian Sea Coast (Turkmenistan)

In connection with the forthcoming submission of the above mentioned project for approval by GEF, I would like to confirm, that in accordance with the procedures after thorough review by specialists of the Ministry, we are fully supporting this proposal at present time and do not have any further comments and suggestions.

Specifically, the Ministry of Nature Protection of Turkmenistan, as a project partner, will be providing own in-kind contribution estimated in the amount of \$590,000 through its subsidiary organizations for project activities as it is stated in the FSP project document. This contribution includes partial budgetary inputs for the Khazar State Reserve, which will be used in coordination with activities of the mentioned-above project.

Deputy Minister o/b GEF National focal point for Turkmenistan

Akmuradov M. K.

United Nations Development Programme



Turkmenistan

10 January 2005

Dear Mr. Pinto,

Subject: UNDP/GEF Full Size Project Document - "Conservation and sustainable use of globally significant biological diversity in Khazar Nature Reserve on the Caspian Sea Coast"

In connection with the forthcoming submission of the above-mentioned project for approval by GEF, I would like to confirm that financing will be provided by UNDP via TRAC resources and via a UNDP supported project.

Specifically, UNDP will be providing a total of USD 278,000 in direct TRAC resources and USD 200,000 as co-financing for the baseline from the UNDP project on "Improvement of Protected Areas System in Turkmenistan".

Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sinderely Khaled Philby

Resident Representative

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7 January 2005

Dear Mr Philby

Support to the GEF project on Conservation and sustainable use of globally significant biolog cal diversity in Khazar Nature Reserve on the Caspian Sea Coast

In the framework of the above mentio and project, which is to be implemented by UNDP Turkmenistan and executed by the Tu kmen authorities, I am writing to confirm that the OSCE Centre in Ashgabad is ready to commit up to USD 25.000 for the activities aimed at providing sustainable livelihood for cr astal communities on Turkmenistan's Caspian Sea coast.

Specifically, the OSCE will fund activ ties related to the in-country training and capacity building of the fishery cooperatives, in cluding related costs such as national experts and local travel. The detailed budget will be agr :ed by the OSCE and UNDP once the overall project has been approved by your side.

The OSCE financial commitment to this project is contingent on our receiving Headquarters approval for the OSCE Centre in Asha abat's overall 2005 budget.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any additional information.

Yours sincerely par

James Donally F oject Coordinator

Mr Khaled Philby United Nations Resident Coordinator Asbgabat Turkmenistan

PIMS #3157, Turkmenistan, BD: Khazar Reserve

Commitment letter from SECI

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Постоянному представителю ПРООН Туркменистана Халед Филби

Предмет: Проектное предложение полного размера UNDP/GEF «Консервания и устойчные использование биологического разнообразия мирового значения в Хазарском заповеднике на побережье Каслийского моря» (Туркменистан).

Настоящим подтверждаем, участие Государственного предприятия по вопросам Каспийского моря при Президенте Туркменистана в вышеупомянутом проекте и в предоставлении материального вклада в размере 208 млн.ман (\$40 000) в течение действия всего проекта.

Конкретно, хотелось бы выделить, что Госпредприятие выделяет материальный вклад на выполнение компонента 2 данного проекта – «Устойчивое управление прябрежной зоной», в виде участия сотрудников и т.д.

Суважением,

Председатель 904-Бабаев Х.

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No. 3/14-16

15.02.2005

Resident representative of UNDP Turkmenistan Khaled Philby

Subject: Full-size UNDP-GEF project proposal "Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity of international importance in the Khazar Reserve on the Caspian coast" (Turkmenistan).

This is to confirm the participation of the State Enterprise on Caspian issues under the President of Turkmenistan of Turkmenistan in the mentioned-above project and in provision of material input totaling in 208 millions manta (\$40000) during the duration of the whole project.

Specifically, it would be good to notice that the State Enterprise allocates material inputs for the implementation of the component two of this project "Sustainable coastal zone management", in a form of participation of specialists etc.

Respectfully,

Chairman

Babayev Khudayberdy / Signature



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16 November 2005

Dear Mr. Philby:

As indicated during the meeting of 16 November 2005 with Rovshen Nurmuhamedov, the Centre maintains its interest in the project entitled "Capacity building of private fisheries in the Turkmen sector of the Caspian Sea." In keeping with the pledge of support made in December 2004, therefore, the OSCE Centre is prepared to commit up to \$25,000 toward the project in 2006.

Specifically, the OSCE is prepared to fund activities related to the in-country training and capacity building of the fishery co-operatives, including related costs such as those associated with national experts and local travel. The budget details will be agreed upon by the OSCE Centre and UNDP once the overall project has been approved by all interested parties and is preparing for implementation.

The OSCE financial commitment to this project is contingent upon approval of the OSCE's budget for 2006, and must be subject to OSCE budgetary and programmatic regulations and restrictions.

We look forward to working with you on this and other projects in 2006. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Cordially,

Ibrahim Djikic Head of Centre OSCE Centre in Ashgabat

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CT\UN\ 209 \2005 25 November, 2005

Dear Mr. Philby,

By writing this letter, I would like to confirm that Counterpart Consortium in Turkmenistan is undertaking a number of initiatives and activities in the area of the Hazar reserve, which are in full compliance with Output 3 of your project document on Conservation and sustainable use of globally significant biological diversity in Khazar Nature Reserve on the Caspian Sea Coast to be submitted for GEF approval, as Output 3 focuses on building trust and goodwill with local communities and strengthening environmental governance over wildlife resources.

Further budgetary adjustments for this particular area will be dependent on the further USAID financial committment to Counterpart Consortium.

In view of the above, we would also like to express our support to the project on Conservation and sustainable use of globally significant biological diversity in Khazar Nature Reserve on the Caspian Sea Coast and wish to welcome further partnership with UNDP on various matters of common interest.

Best 1 Yazgy Charvev



