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The Resident Representative UNDP KAMPALA Fax No. 344801

Dear Sir,

## ALBERTINE RIFT FOREST PROTECTED AREAS OF UGANDA

I am writing to resubmit Uganda's endorsement for the above project which is now ready for implementation.

Considering the increasing threat to the forests from rural communities where poverty, dependence on these forest resources and the commercial demands are quite high, Government has a lot of interest in this project. Given the richness of these forests, in terms of the biodiversity species of the Albertine Rift forest and the importance to the global biodiversity system, Government looks forward to the urgent implementation of this project.

I am also writing to record Government's appreciation of UNDP's efforts in the preparation of this project and eventual approval by GEF.

I hereby endorse the project proposal on behalf of the Government of Uganda and request GEF to fund it.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration and esteem.

M. C. Muduuli (Mrs.)

Deputy Secretary to the Treasury/GEF Focal Point

c.c. Ms. Alexandra Karekaho GEF Coordinator UNDP, KAMPALA

> Mr. Alan Rodgers GEF Coordinator/UNDP, Dar es Salaam

The Permanent Secretary Ministry of Water, Lands & Environm KAMPALA

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