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To: Yannick Glemarec  
UNDP/GEF Executive Coordinator  
304 East 45<sup>th</sup> Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York  
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Subject: Endorsement for "Strengthening Governance and Financial Sustainability of the National Protected Area System in Ukraine"

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Ukraine, I confirm that the above project proposal: (a) is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitments made by Ukraine under the relevant global environmental conventions; and (b) has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the global environmental convention focal points, 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. If approved, the proposal will be prepared and implemented by Ministry of Environment and State Service of Protected Areas. 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 being requested for this project is USD 4,564,496 which represents: US\$ 34,540 against a pre-RAF PDF A and B; US\$ 1.8 million for project implementation and \$214,56 (10% of the project (PDF A + PDF B + main project) of fees to UNDP for project cycle management services associated with this project.

As the PDFs amounts were obtained in the GEF 3, I understand that are not subject to RAF, so I hereby consent to the utilization of the following indicative allocation available to Ukraine 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: US\$2,014,56

Sincerely,

Svyatoslav Kurulenko  
First Deputy Minister  
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Copy to: Mr. Mykola Stetsenko, Focal Point for Ramsar Convention on Wetlands

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