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Dear Council Member:

UNDP, as the Implementing Agency for the project, *Venezuela: Conservation of Biological Diversity in the Orinoco Delta Biosphere Reserve and Lower Orinoco River Basin*, has submitted the attached proposed project document for CEO endorsement prior to final approval of the project document in accordance with UNDP procedures.

The Secretariat has reviewed the project document. It is consistent with the proposal approved by the Council in December 1999 and the proposed project remains consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures. The attached explanation prepared by UNDP satisfactorily details how Council's comments and those of the STAP reviewer have been addressed. I am, therefore, endorsing the project document.

We have today posted the proposed project document on the GEF website at www.gefweb.org. If you do not have access to the Web, you may request the local field office of UNDP or the World Bank to download the document for you. Alternatively, you may request a copy of the document from the Secretariat. If you make such a request, please confirm for us your current mailing address.

Sincerely,



Mohamed T. El-Ashry
Chief Executive Officer
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cc: Alternates, Implementing Agencies, STAP

GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY

November 20th, 2000.

Mohamed:
Dear Mr. El-Ashry,

Subject: VEN/99/G31 - "Conservation of Biological Diversity in the Orinoco Delta Biosphere Reserve and Lower Orinoco River Basin"

I am pleased to enclose the proposal for Venezuela entitled "Conservation of Biological Diversity in the Orinoco Delta Biosphere Reserve and Lower Orinoco River Basin" which was approved by the GEF Executive Council in December 1999. The response to comments from Council Member is also attached and these comments have been addressed in the project document.

As per paragraph 29 and 30 of the GEF Project Cycle, we are submitting this project to you for circulation to the Executive Council Members for comments and subsequently, for your final endorsement.

Thank you in advance for expediting the review and approval of this project.

Yours sincerely,


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