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Ms. Maryam Niamir-Fuller
GEF Executive Coordinator
United Nations Environment Programme
Nairobi
Kenya

Dear Ms. Niamir-Fuller:

After reviewing the Project Identification Form (the "PIF") submitted for the medium-sized project *The Gambia: Strengthening of The Gambia's Climate Change Early Warning Systems*, I am pleased to clear the PIF for an indicative amount of \$930,000 authorizing you to begin preparation of the project proposal taking into account the attached comments made by the GEF Secretariat. Approval of the PIF is based on the project concept's eligibility for funding under the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) and conformity with LDCF strategies. However, the final LDCF grant amount will be confirmed at the time of GEF CEO approval, on the basis of the Secretariat's review of the final project document's consistency with LDCF/GEF policies and procedures, including the cost-effectiveness of the financing plan.

It is our expectation that your Agency will submit a final medium-sized project document for CEO approval no later than January 2009. You are requested to inform the Secretariat as early as possible if this timeline cannot be met. We will then consult with the beneficiary country and your Agency prior to reaching a decision on whether to establish new milestones or to cancel the concept from the LDCF pipeline.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Barbut', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Attachment: GEF Project Tracking Sheet
GEFSEC Review Sheet

Copy to: Country Operational Focal Point
GEF Agencies
STAP

GEF Project Tracking System
Medium-Sized Project Clearance/Approval

Gambia: Strengthening of The Gambia's Climate Change Early Warning Systems

Authority	GEF Contribution	Total Cost	Requested Action	Signature	Date
PIF Review	\$0.930	\$2.015			
Program Manager			Recommendation	<i>Bonizella Biagini</i> Bonizella Biagini	08/18/08
Team Leader			Clearance	<i>Robert K Dixon</i> Robert Dixon	08/18/2008
SM 8/18 CEO			Approval	<i>S. d.</i> Monique Barbut	08/18/08
PFG Review	\$30,000	\$80,000			
Program Manager			Recommendation	Bonizella Biagini	
Team Leader			Clearance	Robert Dixon	
CEO			Approval	Monique Barbut	
MSP Review	\$930,000	\$2,015,000			
Program Manager			Recommendation	Bonizella Biagini	
Team Leader			Clearance	Robert Dixon	
CEO			Letter to Council	CEO Letter to Council	
MSP Approval	\$930,000	\$2,015,000			
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CEO			Approval	Monique Barbut	