

January 26, 2018

Dear LDCF/SCCF Council Member,

I am writing in reference to my letter of November 14, 2017 which circulated a Project Identification Form (PIF) for a full-sized project proposal from UNEP for the Council's review and approval.

I am pleased to inform you of the Council's decision as follows:

The LDCF/SCCF Council reviewed the PIF entitled Lao PDR: Building the Capacity of the Lao PDR Government to Advance the National Adaptation Planning Process (GEF ID: 8022) (LDCF Project Grant \$3,552,969) (Agency Fee \$337,532), posted on November 14, 2017 and approves it on a no objection basis subject to the comments submitted to the Secretariat.

The Council finds that the PIF (i) is, or would be, consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures, and (ii) may be endorsed by the CEO for final approval by the GEF Agency, provided that the final project document fully incorporates and addresses the Council's and the STAP reviewer's comments on the PIF, and that the CEO confirms that the project continues to be consistent with the Instrument and GEF/LDCF/SCCF policies and procedures.

The final project document will be posted on the GEF website for information after CEO endorsement. If the GEF CEO determines that there has been a major change to the present scope and approach since PIF approval, the final project document shall be posted on the web for Council review for four weeks prior to CEO endorsement.

Sincerely,

♣r√ Naoko Ishii

Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson

Copy to: Country Operational Focal Point, Alternates, GEF Agencies, STAP, Trustee

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Out of the Agency Fee amount, Trustee will commit the first tranche (40%) of the Agency fee which is \$135,013 at the time of Council approval of the PIF. The second tranche (60%) of the Agency fee which is \$202,519 will be committed at the time of CEO endorsement of the FSP.