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Dear LDCF/SCCF Council Member:

I am writing to notify you that we have today posted on GEF's website at www.TheGEF.org, a Project Identification Form (PIF) for a full-sized project proposal from FAO entitled: *Mali: Strengthening Resilience to Climate Change through Integrated Agricultural and Pastoral Management in the Sahelian zone in the Framework of the Sustainable Land Management Approach,* for funding under the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF). This PIF has been posted for Council approval by mail. Council Members are invited to review the PIF and to submit their comments (in Word file) to the GEF Secretariat's program coordination registry at gcoordination@TheGEF.org by January 17, 2013.

Following the streamlined procedures for processing LDCF proposals and the new project cycle, Council members are invited to approve the following decision:

The LDCF/ISCCF Council reviewed the PIF entitled: Mali: Strengthening Resilience to Climate Change through Integrated Agricultural and Pastoral Management in the Sahelian zone in the Framework of the Sustainable Land Management Approach posted on December 14, 2012 and approves it on a no objection basis subject to the comments submitted to the Secretariat by January 17, 2013.

In accordance with this decision, if the Secretariat has not heard from you in writing by January 17, 2013 we will assume that you approve the PIF. Council members will receive a copy of the draft final project document that will be submitted for CEO endorsement.

Sincerely,

Naoko Ishii

CEO and Chairperson

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