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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 <a href="www.TheGEF.org">www.TheGEF.org</a>, a Project Identification Form (PIF) for a full-sized project proposal from UNDP entitled: <a href="mailto:Mali:Strengthening the Resilience of Women Producer Group's and Vulnerable Communities">www.TheGEF.org</a>, 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 <a href="mailto:goodfination@TheGEF.org">goodfination@TheGEF.org</a> by January 29, 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/SCCF Council reviewed the PIF entitled Mali: Strengthening the Resilience of Women Producer Group's and Vulnerable Communities posted on December 27, 2012 and approves it on a no objection basis subject to the comments submitted to the Secretariat by January 29, 2013.

In accordance with this decision, if the Secretariat has not heard from you in writing by January 29, 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,

CEO and Chairperson

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