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MR. MOHAMED T. EL-ASHRY
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Dear Mr. El-Ashry:

In July 1, 1998, the newly elected government of President Joseph E. Estrada took over the administration from President V. Ramos, thus a new set of officials have been appointed to fill-in the positions vacated by the previous government.

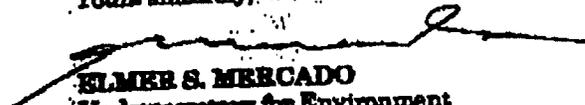
Dr. Delfin Ganapin, the Philippine GEF focal person, retired from the government service effective June 30, 1998. Yours truly has only been recently appointed as the new Undersecretary to replace his position.

As the new designated GEF focal person, I am pleased to submit and endorse the following projects for project development funding consideration by the GEF:

1. Capacity Building to Remove the Barriers in the Promotion of Renewable Energy
2. Rural Electric Cooperative System Loss Reduction Center
3. The Philippine Efficient Lighting Market Transformation Project
4. An Assessment of Renewable Energy Technologies and Removal of Barriers to their Transfer in Asia

The concept papers for these projects are herewith attached.

Yours sincerely,


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Undersecretary for Environment
And Programs Development
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