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To: THE WORLD BANK GROUP

**Attn: Mr. Andrew Vorkink
Director for Romania**

**Subject: Application to the Global Environment Facility for PDF B Grant for the
Proposed Energy Efficiency Project**

Dear sir,

In response to your Letter of March 18, 1999, I would like to reiterate our support for the proposed Energy Efficiency Project, which help to promote energy conservation and Romania's competitiveness. This is a national priority and we would like to realise the Project as early as possible.

On behalf of the Government of Romania, I am asking the World Bank to submit a PDF B grant request to the Global Environment Facility to complete preparation of this project, especially the necessary preparatory activities associated with the definition of a suitable institutional and financial framework for establishing an energy efficiency fund under the project. I would also like to request that the World Bank act as executing agency for this further preparation work.

Your faithfully,

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General Director

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