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**Subject: Endorsement for Integration of Climate Change Risk and Resilience into Forestry Management in Samoa (ICCRIFS)**

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Samoa, I confirm that the above project proposal (a) is in accordance with the government's national priorities, including, if available, the priorities identified in the National Adaptation Plan of Action, and the commitments made by Samoa under the relevant global environmental conventions and (b) has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the UNFCCC focal point, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the preparation of the above project proposal with the support of UNDP. If approved, the proposal will be prepared and implemented by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Samoa. Further, I request UNDP to provide a copy of the project document for information of this office before it is submitted to the GEF Secretariat for CEO endorsement.

I understand that the total LDCF financing being requested for this project is 2,745,000 US\$, inclusive of project preparation grant (PPG), if any, and normal Implementing Agency (UNDP) assistance for associated project cycle management services.

Sincerely,

**Taulealeausumai Laavasa Malua**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

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