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Dear Ms. Todorova,

### **GEF Support for the proposed Renewable Energy for Rural Economic Development Project**

Following on the successful implementation of the Energy Services Delivery (ESD) Project funded in part by the Global Environmental Facility (GEF), a new operation is being prepared to support renewable energy development in Sri Lanka.

The Renewable Energy for Rural Economic Development Project (RERED) will provide credit and grant support to renewable energy providers in solar, biomass, wind and hydro, with an emphasis the catalytic effect of energy for economic development in implement renewable energy and energy efficiency projects.

As the GEF Focal point for the Government of Sri Lanka this is to confirm Government's strong commitment to the RERED Project and to request GEF support in the amount of US\$ 10 million for its implementation. We look forward to GEF's favorable consideration of this project for work program entry during the May, 2002 council meetings.

Sincerely,

**Thosapala Hewage**

Secretary

Ministry of Environment & Natural Resources  
GEF Focal Point for Govt. of Sri Lanka