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Dear Mr. Piskounov,

Subject: Endorsement for Overcoming Policy, Market and Technological Barriers to Support Technological Innovation and South-South Technology Transfer : the Pilot Case of Ethanol Production from Cassava

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Thailand, I confirm that the above project proposal (a) is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitments made by Thailand under the relevant global environmental conventions and (b) has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the global environmental convention focal points, 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 UNIDO. If approved, the proposal will be prepared and implemented by the National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA) under the Ministry of Science and Technology for Thailand. Further, it would be highly appreciated if UNIDO could provide a copy of the project document for reference and review before it is submitted to the GEF Secretariat for CEO endorsement.

I understand that the total GEF financing being requested for this project under the Strategic Program on Technology Transfer Program is US\$ 2,970,000 inclusive of project preparation grant (US\$ 100,000-PPG), if any, and a 10% Agency fee (US\$ 270,000) to UNIDO for project cycle management services associated with this project. In addition, I am aware that the use of these funds will not be charged to the country's allocations under the GEF-4 Resource Allocation Framework.

Please be assured of our ongoing cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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