Appendix G Letters from the Ministries on Countries' Inputs

BULGARIA

BSERP II Phase
Incremental costs – Bulgaria

Foreseen expenditures on Black Sea protection activities for the period 2004 – 2006 from the Bulgarian government and international donors.

◆ Sewerage and sewage treatment plants construction works – Danube and Black Sea basin (source - Programme for implementation of Directive 91/271)

	Euro – thousand
Vit basin	3 915
Dobrudzha basin	14 995
Danube basin	5 783
Iskar basin	35 732
Kamchia basin	26 961
Ogosta basin	15 852
Osam basin	17 970
Provadijska basin	6 423
Rusenski lom basin	15 525
Black Sea coast	51 889
Yantra	28 900
Total	**223 945**

◆ Projects running - international funding

PHARE
Integrated monitoring Bulgarian BS coast

2 150 760 Euro

PHARE twinning – Institutional strengthening of Danube basin directorates for implementation of the WFD

1 000 000 Euro

Republic of Italy – Pilot project for environmental risk assessment in the lower Danube and Iskar

500 000 Euro

OTHER ???

◆ Scientific projects and activities of the Institute of Oceanology – Varna, funded by the Bulgarian government and international donors.
15 projects related to the Black Sea environment – approximately

3 000 000 Euro

- Landslides - restoration and prevention activities – programme of Oblast Varna

  25 000 000 Euro

- Annual contribution – BS Commission

  44 000 USD

- Costs for management and administration – Danube and Black Sea basin

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- Projects from bilateral intergovernmental memoranda and agreements

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- Projects with international programmes funding prepared

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Information
Georgia

1 Donors contributions under bilateral agreements

Georgian Integrated Coastal Management Project is financed by International Development Association credit and GEF grant, also by the governments of the Netherlands and Georgia. The project will continue for 6 years and is to end by December 31 2004. The aim of the project is to assist Georgia in meeting the commitments outlined in the Strategic Action Plan for the Rehabilitation and Protection of the Black Sea and the Bucharest Convention, also to implement priority actions outlined in the Georgia Biodiversity Strategy/Action Plan.

The Project consists of five components:

1) ICZM Institutional Capacity Building;
2) Establishment of Kolkheti National Park and Kobuleti Reserve;
3) Establishment of Coastal Environmental Monitoring and Information system;
4) Assessment of Erosion on the Coast; and
5) Development of a National Oil Spill Contingency Plan and Emergency Response Capability for Georgia.

US$ 7.0 have been allocated for this Project:

the World Bank long-turm favorable credit	- 4.4 mil;
GEF grant	- 1.3 mil;
Grant provided by the government of the Netherlands	- 1.0 mil, and
the contribution of the Georgian government	- $ 900 000

2 Programs of the government for the rehabilitation and protection of the Black Sea environment included in the 2004 indicative plan of the country.

1. Significant (catastrophic) floods (Rioni river basin) and activities against them (31 000 GEL - from the budget).
2. Carrying out of restocking activities for the artificial restoration of sturgeon spicies of the Black Sea coastal waters of Georgia and study of the status of natural spawning grounds. (30 000 GEL)

Zurab Tavartkiladze

First Deputy Minister

R O M A N I A

MINISTERUL AGRICULTURII, PADURILOR, APELOR SI MEDIULUI

MINISTRY of AGRICULTURE, FORESTS, WATERS and ENVIRONMENT

Mr. Victor Pisotskiy,
Public Participation Specialist
Black Sea Ecosystem Recovery Project, PIU

Dear Mr. Pisotskiy,

Please find furher on some contributions which Romanian Government and bilateral donors are going to make into the Black Sea environment protection activities, on the Romanian side, in the coming years.

1. *"WWTPs upgrading, rehabilitation of sewerage network, waste water pumping stations, rehabilitation of waste water discharging pipelines (repairing, length increasing, diffusion systems)".*
96 million Euro (2004-2006). 73 ISPA funds and 23 local authorities. The most important are:
- Upgrading WWTP - 41 608 000 Euro
- Rehabilitation of waste water pumping stations - 16 605 000 Euro
- Rehabilitation of sewerage network - 6 029 000 Euro
- Rehabilitation of waste water discharging pipe lines - 16 240 680 Euro

2. *"Rehabilitation and protection of coastal zone against erosion (light and heavy solutions as well as monitoring)".*
The period is 2004 - 2008 and the expenditures are about 210 millions USD.
Money will be spend from the national and local buget and from loans contracted with IFI's.

3. - *"Implementation of the Water Framework Directive and Integrated Coastal Zone Management in transitional and coastal waters in Romania"*.
Government of The Nederlands, Agency SENTER - 503 000 Euro (April 2003 - December 2004).

4. PHARE Project concerning *"Integrated monitoring of the Black Sea littoral between Midia and Vama Veche "* –total cost 2.87 millions Euro out of which 670,000 Euro Romanian contribution.

Gheorghe CONSTANTIN,
Romanian Representative for the Black Sea Commission

РОССИЙСКАЯ ФЕДЕРАЦИЯ
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На ____ от ____

RUSSIA

Координатору Программы по восстановлению экосистемы Черного моря

Г-ну Патику Рейнольдсу

Факс 90-212-227-99-33

Постановлением Правительства РФ от 08.08.01 №581 была утверждена ***федеральная целевая программа «Юг России»,*** в которую вошли мероприятия по строительству очистных сооружений в бассейне Черного и Азовского морей (программные проекты и мероприятия рассчитаны на период до 2006 г.).

ФЦП «Юг России» направлена на создание условий для устойчивого развития южных районов России и улучшения социально-экономической обстановки. Программа предусматривает реализацию комплекса проектов и мероприятий, направленных на улучшение использования водных ресурсов, развитие коммунального хозяйства и предотвращение аварийных и угрожающих ситуаций; особое внимание уделяется разработке и реализации комплекса природоохранных мероприятий, направленных на защиту и оздоровление водных экосистем.

В ФЦП «Юг России», координатором которой является *Министерство экономического развития и торговли РФ*, включено **17 природоохранных мероприятий, в том числе строительство** 13 природоохранных объектов в бассейне Черного и Азовского морей.

На 2003 г. по программе было **предусмотрено финансирование в объеме 144, 4 млн. руб. (около 4,8 млн.долл. США)**, в том числе из федерального бюджета – 66,9 млн. руб.(ок.2,23 млн. дол.), из краевого бюджета – 27 млн. руб. (ок. 0,9 млн. дол.), за счет местных бюджетов – 65,5 млн. руб.(ок.2,18 млн).

В числе мероприятий – реконструкция очистных сооружений канализации в гг. Геленджике, Сочи, Темрюке, на курорте «Красная Поляна», строительство II очереди канализации, реконструкция глубоководного выпуска в г. Анапе, реконструкция напорного коллектора в г. Темрюке, строительство очистных сооружений в пос. Это Садок (г. Сочи).

На 2004 г. в рамках Федеральной целевой программы «Юг России» плановыми показателями предусмотрено финансирование природоохранных мероприятий в сумме **316,8 млн. руб. (10,6 млн.долл)** в т.ч. из федерального бюджета **73,0 млн. руб.(2,45 млн.дол)**; краевого и местных бюджетов – **223,8 млн. руб (7,45 млн. долл.)**, из внебюджетных источников – **20 млн.руб. (0,7 млн.дол.).**

Предполагается, что ориентировочные затраты собственных средств природопользователей на **2004** г. составят около **250 млн. руб. (8,3 млн.дол.)**

В рамках Федеральной целевой программы «Юг России» на природоохранные цели в **2004 – 2006 гг.** планируется выделение **967 млн. руб. (ок. 32 млн. дол).**

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Dear Mr. Reynolds,

With the reference of your letter dated 28 January 2004 and numbered G0428/03, I would like to inform you about our two project which were approved by State Planning Organization for the 2004 Investment Program of Turkey. The first one is " Project of National Action Plan for Land Based Pollution Sources " with 200 billion TL budget. The second one is " Project of Pollution Monitoring Assesment in Black Sea" with 450 billion TL budget.

I believe that,this two project will be very helpfull in regarding Black Sea environmental protection during 2004-2006.

Yours Sincerely,

S. Kadıoğlu

Sedat Kadıoğlu

Deputy General Director

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February 4, 2004

Dear Mr. Reynolds,

As per your request, please find attached the list of national and international programs and activities aimed at the improvement of the Black Sea Environment scheduled for implementation in 2004 including the estimated funding support.

Sincerely,

Dr. Yaroslav Movchan
Head of the Department
Black Sea Commissioner

National funding expected in 2004 for Black Sea Environmental Protection Activities (open-ended list)

#	Activity	Description	Funding expected, million Ukrainian Hryvnia*
1	State Program of the Protection and Rehabilitation of the Environment of Black and Azov Seas	Total planned expenditures for all activities within Program from State and local budgets	57,3
		Total planned allocations for selected activities within Program from State budget	7,5
2	Funding specific programs and projects from the Environmental Protection Fund	Planned allocations, mainly for reconstruction of water purification / sewage systems in coastal zone	2,2
3	National Program for the Environmental Rehabilitation of the Dnipro River Basin and the Improvement of the Quality of Drinking Water	Total planned allocations for all activities within Program from State and local budgets (rough estimation)	203,61 (data from the Program document)
4	Program of Land Reform in Autonomous Republic of Crimea for 2001-2005	Total planned allocations for Environmental Protection activities and Integrated Management within the Program from State Budget, Republic Budget and local Businesses	16,769,76 (data from the Program document)
5	Program of Environmental Monitoring in Autonomous Republic of Crimea for 2002-2005	Total planned allocations for Program activities from State and Republic Environmental protection Funds	0,650
6	Regional Program of the Protection of Settlements and Agricultural Land Against Harmful Impact of Waters in Autonomous Republic of Crimea for 2001-2005	Total planned allocations for Program activities from State Budget, Republic Budget and local Businesses	1,9
7	Scientific Research (Monitoring, Biodiversity / Protected Areas, Aquaculture, etc.)	Rough estimation including:	8.1

	Research programs of the Institute of Biology of Southern Seas, Odesa Brunch	Total budget planned	0,9
	Research programs of the Southern Ukrainian Research Institute of Fishery and Oceanology	Total budget planned	2,0
	Research Center of Marine Ecology, Odesa	Total budget planned	2,2

*As of February 2004, current rate of USD / Ukrainian Hryvnia is 1 : 5,33 (National Bank of Ukraine data)

International funding expected in 2004 for Black Sea Environmental Protection Activities (open-ended list)

#	Activity	Description	Funding expected
1	Joint Research Program of the Institute of Biology of Southern Seas, Odesa Brunch	Funding provided by IMO	$ 30,000
2	Joint Research Program of the Institute of Biology of Southern Seas, Odesa Brunch	Expected Funding provided by INTAS and other international donors	$ 30,000
3	UNDP-GEF Dnipro Basin Environment Program (Preparation of a Strategic Action Programme (SAP) for the Dnipro River Basin and Development of SAP Implementation Mechanisms)	GEF, UNDP, IDRC contribution	$ 500,000
	Dnipro Basin Environment Program	UNIDO contribution	$ 400,000
4	TACIS Black Sea Investment Facility (EuropeAid/116448/C/SV/Multi)	EC (TACIS) support	EUR 3,300,000 (expected, maximum budget for Georgia, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine, 2004-2006)
5	TACIS Regional Environment Programme for Georgia, Russia and Ukraine	EC (TACIS) support	Not available
6	Wetlands International Black Sea Program	Wetlands International support	$ 180,000 (estimated)
7	Azov-Black Sea Corridor Biodiversity Conservation Project	GEF support, total budget $6,900,000 for 5 years	$ 1,000,000 (estimated)

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Tender notice

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B-Brussels: Tacis - investment facility for the Black Sea

2003/S 85-075302

Service contract forecast

Georgia, Russia and Ukraine.

1. **Publication reference:** EuropeAid/116448/C/SV/Multi
2. **Procedure:** Restricted.
3. **Programme:** Tacis.
4. **Financing:** Regional environmental programme 2002.
5. **Contracting authority:** European Commission, on behalf of beneficiary c Brussels.
6. **Nature of contract:** Technical assistance.
7. **Contract description:** The objective of this facility is to support investme pollution remediation affecting the Black Sea and its basins.
   Main components are:
   - to assist in identifying high priority, high impact environmental investme
   - to assist in identifying so called 'win-win' investments;
   - to support planned loans with feasibility and pre-feasibility studies.
8. **Indicative maximum budget:** 4 000 000 EUR.
9. **Intended timing of publication:** June 2003.
10. **Additional information:** Not applicable.
11. **Legal basis:** EC Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 99/2000 of 29.12.1 concerning the provision of assistance to the partner states in eastern Eur central Asia.

Remarks:

There must be a minimum period of 30 calendar days between the publication c forecast and the publication of the corresponding procurement notice.
No applications or requests for information should be sent at this stage.

Overview	P – Inadequate management during Phase 1 with respect to coordination and performance monitoring	This is very much appreciated by the PIU. Interventions to improve the situation are: • The CTA and Deputy Manager of the Project have additional related tasks for the monitoring and evaluation of the progress in the project implementation; • A set of process indicators for the monitoring and implementation of the project are being developed and currently under discussion between the DRP, BSERP, ICPDR, BSC. This activity will be completed before the start of Phase 2 • The involvement of each riparian country in monitoring and evaluation of the project implementation has increased through regular (monthly) reporting by each Country Team Leader. This was introduced in Nov 2003. • Quarterly reporting by the PIU on the project's progress will be initiated in Phase 2. The recipients of the progress report will be members of the Project Steering Committee. • The project management team have planned additional visits to each riparian country in order to discuss project implementation issues with the Black Sea Commissioners, National Coordinators, and country project office staff.
	R – Possible choice between hiring additional support staff/experts versus dropping certain activities or outputs	Recommended option is not to drop any activities, since they have been agreed and supported by the countries, as well as by international commissions (BSC, ICPDR). The preferred choice of the PIU would be to increase the budget of the project sufficiently to allow support for an additional professional international staff member with experience in eutrophication and nutrient dynamics. This idea has been preliminary agreed with the UNDP's Principal Technical Advisor for International Waters.

Istanbul, Turkey
March 5th, 2004

Appendix O Countries Endorsement Letters

REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND WATER

February 10, 2004

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Dear Mr.Reynolds,

Please find enclosed the national endorsement of the Phase 2 Project Document of the GEF/UNDP Black Sea Ecosystem Recovery Project.

Yours sincerely,

Nikolai Kouyumdzhiev
Deputy Minister

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Brief Description

The project in its Phase 2 will continue supporting the Black Sea regional aspects of the Black Sea Partnership for Nutrient Control. It will assist and strengthen the role of the Black Sea Commission (of the Bucharest Convention for the Protection of the Black Sea against Pollution) and ensure the provision of a suite of harmonised legal and policy instruments for tackling the problem of eutrophication, and release of certain hazardous substances, and to facilitate ecosystem recovery. An important feature of the project is its encouragement of broad stakeholder participation. This will be achieved by inter-sectoral co-ordination, the provision of small grants to local initiatives and support for public information and environmental education. The project will also enable a new suite of indicators for monitoring the effectiveness of the measures taken by the Partnership. These indicators, together with targeted scientific studies, will help to set new regional nutrient control targets within the concept of adaptive management. The PDF-B study has revealed that making a remarkable progress in the attainment of these objectives would require at least a five years of concerted action at the wider basin level. Unfortunately, owing to funding constraints, a two-phased approach had to be taken for the implementation of the overall strategy. Phasing was based on a reconsideration of the relative priorities of achieving certain targets and evaluation of the need for earlier delivery of certain project outcomes which will be essential inputs for the implementation of other activities envisaged for the 5 years integrated project. . The current project will be part of the broader multi-donor Black Sea Environmental Programme and clear mechanisms will be established for donor co-ordination and for co-ordination and the sharing of objectives with the Danube and Dnipro GEF Projects.

On behalf of the Governments of:	Name	Date	Signature
Bulgaria	Fathme Iliaz	09.02.04	F. Iliaz
Georgia			
Romania			
Russian Federation			
Republic of Turkey			
Ukraine			
On Behalf of:			
UNDP			
UNOPS			

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Re: Endorsement of the project "Control of Eutrophication, Hazardous Substances and Related Measures for Rehabilitating the Black Sea Ecosystem: Phase 2"

Dear Mr. Reynolds,

In my capacity of the GEF National Operational Focal Point in Georgia, I have the honor to endorse the submission of the project proposal titled ***"Control of Eutrophication, Hazardous Substances and Related Measures for Rehabilitating the Black Sea Ecosystem: Phase 2"*** to the consideration of the GEF Council. The endorsement is based on consultations with the Member of the Black Sea Commission from Georgia Mr. Zaal Lomtadze.

Sincerely,

Makhaz Ardeishvili
GEF National Operational Focal Point in Georgia
Head, Department of Environmental Policy
Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources

Brief Description

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On behalf of the Governments of:	Name	Date	Signature
Bulgaria			
Georgia	Malkhaz Adeishvili	02/03/2004	
Romania			
Russian Federation			
Republic of Turkey			
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On Behalf of:			
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R O M A N I A

MINSTRY of AGRICULTURE, FORESTS, WATERS and ENVIRONMENT

Directorate for Coordination of the European Funds Implementation

54140/09.02.2004

To: **Mr. Nick Remple**
Regional Coordinator, UNDP – GEF RBEC

Ref: **GEF/UNDP Black Sea Ecosystem Recovery project Phase II**

Letter of endorsement

Dear Sir,

In my capacity of Romanian GEF Operational Focal Point, I would like to inform you that the Ministry of Agriculture, Forests, Waters and Environment endorses the GEF/UNDP "**Black Sea Ecosystem Recovery project – Phase II**".

As participating and very active country in the region, Romania fully supports the continuation of the project activities through Phase II appreciating that these activities are fully in line with the needs of the Black Sea region.

The implementation of this project will increase cooperation within the region, will improve the overall marine environment and will contribute to a better awareness and understanding of the value and importance of the Black Sea.

We hope to start the GEF Small Grants Programme for Romania and this will allow Romanian NGOs to submit projects under the **Objective 5**: "*Strengthening of public participation in environmental protection through access to information, stakeholder training and awareness raising and implementation of community actions.*"

Looking forward to a fruitful cooperation within the above mentioned project, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Liliana CHIRILA
Romanian GEF Operational Focal Point

CC: Dr. Pat Reynolds
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THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTRY
(Department of Foreign Relations and European Union)

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Ankara, 19 February 2004

Dear Mr. Simonsen,

Herewith I am pleased to approve the project proposal of ***The Black Sea Environment Programme*** on "GEF/UNDP *Black Sea Ecosystems Recovery Project (RER/01/G33)*" as Focal Point for GEF projects in the Republic of Turkey.

The Republic of Turkey attaches great importance to prevent the pollution of Black Sea and nutrient control in convenience with the responsibilities according to the "Bucharest Convention for the Protection of the Black Sea against Pollution" as a Signatory Partner.

I would appreciate if you kindly facilitate the release of the requested funding for the project.

I thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely Yours,

İzamettin EKER
Operational Focal Point of GEF

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Dear Mr. Reynolds,

Thank you very much for sending us the 2nd Phase BSERP Document. The experts of the Ministry have reviewed this document and found it well prepared and in general acceptable. In our opinion, in terms of expected results, this project description is one of the best we ever dealt with. At the same time some comments and proposals, depicted below, will serve to strengthen the implementation mechanism of the Project and improve the quality of the results.

This letter is serve to inform you as well that we would be happy to provide the letter of endorsement of the Project Document for Phase 2 activities on behalf of the Ministry of Environmental Protection of Ukraine after incorporation of our comments into Project proposals.

I do hope that GEF Council will approve these proposals and we will get new opportunity and effective support for our joint efforts to improve Black Sea environment. I do hope as well that PIU under your leadership is able to find the proper way of management and allocate necessary resources to sustain PIU itsels and National BSERP Office during interim period between 1st and 2nd phases of the Project implementation.

Our comments:

1. We are glad to find that it is expected to implement Project activities involving experts and professionals mainly from the region rather than rely upon international consultants. At the same time we feel there are some contradictions between outcomes expected from some activities and mechanism of their implementation. For example, it seems to us that implementation of the item 4.1.7 (design and assist in implementation of a pilot project for Black Sea VTOPIS, Table 14) will not be possible without involvement of experts from Black Sea countries. Please reconsider.

2. In general, expected results of the Phase II are too ambitious in order to be achieved within planned period of time and available PIU staff. In this regard, we consider that national Project support structure will play exclusively important role in

facilitation of the Project activities at national level. On other hand, this infrastructure is important also for strengthening the national capacities in the field of marine environmental management and policy development, as well as for accelerating the regional cooperation, which is in line with Project objectives.

It seems that Project designers clearly understand and support this approach (items 91, 94, 96, 97, and others). Accordingly, corresponding funds have been allocated in the budget for Phase II. Regretfully, allocations for the national Project Support Structure (namly National BSERP Offices, line 1701 of table 13) can not be accepted as an adequate, especially taking into account that there are no indications in the budget about operational support costs. No funds were planned for the item 1.2.2 "Further establich and operate the Project Support Structure at national level ro facilitate coopeartion between the BSERP and the National Commissioners…" (Table 14). It means that inconsistency between 1st and 2nd Phases of the Project may cause losses of the achieved results because sustainability of the Project support structure at national level is still under threat of weakness of national institutional structure and lack of national funding. We believe that Project should avoid this sad option and request you to allocate relevant fund or foresee appropriate mechanism to make this support system functioning.

3. Item 4.2.3 (Table 14): funding looks insufficient.

4. Item 106: It would be relevant to include the recommendations on how to strengthen national legislation related to the ICZM into list of success criteria.

5. General remark: Time frame, in particularly, for activities scheduled for 2004, evidently is not realistic. It's possible to keep as it is, but we realize that activities will be delayed.

Please consider these comments and provide us with revised Project description and explanation.

I am looking forward for successful cooperation.

Sincerely,

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