

Ministry of State for Environmental Affairs

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**To: Steve Gorman
World Bank
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Subject: Endorsement for Syria: ***Coastal Rivers and Orontes River Basins Water Resources Management Project / Integrated Environmental Management***

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Syria, I confirm that the above project proposal is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitments made by Syria under the relevant global environmental conventions, in accordance with National Environmental Strategy and Action Plan of Syria..

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the preparation of the above project proposal with the support of World Bank. If approved, the proposal will be prepared and implemented by **Ministry of State for Environmental Affairs** and other concerned partners. Further, I request World Bank to provide a copy of the project document for information before it is submitted to the GEF Secretariat for CEO endorsement.

I understand that the total GEF financing being requested for this project is \$3-3.5 million, inclusive of project preparation grant (PPG), if any, and a 10% Agency fee to World Bank, for project cycle management services associated with this project. The project will be funded through the **Mediterranean Environmental Sustainable Development Program**.

I am pleased to support the regional technical assistance "Arab Region—Regional Coordination on Natural Resources Management and Capacity Building (TA) that will be supported through the same program, and which will provide critical information and databases to improve the sectoral investment to all countries in the region.

Sincerely,

Eng. Imad Hassoun



Deputy Minister of State for Environmental Affairs/ GEF O.F.P.