



16 December 2002

Dear Mr. El-Ashry,

Subject: IW/OP-8 “Regional Africa: Reversal of land and water degradation trends in the Lake Chad Basin ecosystem” – PIMS no.31

I am pleased to attach herewith the above-mentioned project document, which includes our response to the GEF Council’s comments. The brief was approved at the GEF Executive Council Meeting in February 2000. Also attached are the co-financing letters and the project document annexes.

As per paragraph 29 and 30 of the GEF Project Cycle, we are submitting this project document for circulation to the members of the GEF Executive Council and, subsequently, for your final endorsement.

Thank you in advance for expediting the review and approval of this project.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emma Torres', is written over a horizontal line.

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