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## Global Environment Facility

**MOHAMED T. EL-ASHRY**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
AND CHAIRMAN

January 10, 2000

Dear Council Member:

UNDP, as the Implementing Agency for the project entitled, *Global: Removal of Barriers to the Effective Implementation of Ballast Water Control and Management Measures in Developing Countries*, has submitted the project document for CEO endorsement prior to final approval of the project in accordance with UNDP procedures.

The Secretariat has reviewed the project document. It is consistent with the proposal approved by the Council and the proposed project remains consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures. No comments have been raised by Council Members in connection with Council approval of the Work Program, and the comments of the STAP reviewer have been addressed. I am, therefore, endorsing the project.

We have today posted the proposed project document on the GEF website at [www.gefweb.org](http://www.gefweb.org) for your information. If you do not have access to the Web, you may request the local field office of UNDP or the World Bank to download the document for you. Alternatively, you may request a copy of the document from the Secretariat. If you make such a request, please confirm for us your current mailing address.

Sincerely,

Cc: Alternates, Implementing Agencies, STAP



**United Nations Development Programme**  
**GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY**



05 January 2000

Dear Mohamed:

Subject: GLO/99/G31 Removal of Barriers to the Effective Implementation of Ballast Water Control and Management Measures in Countries

It gives me great pleasure to enclose one copy of the above-mentioned project document which has been formally agreed between UNDP and IMO. This is based on the project brief, which was approved at the May '99 GEF Council. Our records indicate that there have been no comments by Council members on this document.

We have added budget annotations which indicate the coherence with the project budget in the GEF brief. We have also added a standard UNDP-IMO budget, with cross references to the budget notes. From this you will note that one structural change has been to divide Objective (1) - Programme Co-ordination and Support into two components, one at IMO headquarters (1.A) and one in the regions (1.B). For your convenience we enclose a table comparing the budgets in the project brief and the project document. You will note that the differences are negligible. One point worth mentioning is the need, identified by IMO, to set aside some funds under Objective 6 for sundries, reporting costs and miscellaneous costs. We have negotiated these costs with IMO and believe that they are reasonable.

Following recently approved procedures, with no Council comments it is understood that this project need not be circulated to the Council members prior to CEO endorsement. I therefore would be extremely grateful to receive the approval and/or comments of the GEF Secretariat on this document at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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**Budget Comparison Table**  
(US \$ 000s)

<u>Objective</u>	<u>GEF Brief</u>	<u>UNDP/IMO Project dated 28/9/99</u>
1.A		1,285
1.B		120
1.	1,355	-----
2.	1,325	1,325
3.	2,100	2,070
4.	1,100	1,005
5.	700	690
6.	100	225
Sub-total, Project Budget	6,720	6,720
Executing Agency Support costs @10%	672	672
Total Project Budget	7,392	7,392