

To: Mr. Steve Gorman
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The World Bank
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Date: June 19 , 2009.

Subject: Endorsement of Palestinian Authority to the Project "**Regional Coordination on Improved Water Resources Management and Capacity Building (TA)**".

Dear Mr. Gorman

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

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the preparation of the above project proposal with the support of World Bank. If approved, the project will be prepared by the **Arab Water Council** jointly with national ministries and other concerned partners in the Arab States including the Palestinian Water Authority. Further, I request the 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 \$5,644,545 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**.

In accordance with the above, I am pleased to support the regional technical assistance "Arab Region—Regional Coordination on Natural Resources Management and Capacity Building" which will allow Arab Countries to benefit from modern remote sensing technologies which will enable decision makers to optimize water resources management across the Arab world.

Sincerely

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