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Steve Gorman
GEF Executive Coordinator
The World Bank
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Subject: Endorsement of Jordan 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 Jordan, I am pleased to support the regional technical assistance "Arab Region – Regional Coordination on Natural Resources Management and Capacity Building (TA) which will allow the Arab Countries in the Mediterranean basin and the rest of the Arab Region to benefit from the latest technology and techniques to provide critical information and databases to enable decision makers to improve management of water resources and help them deal with the challenges related to water scarcity, droughts, floods and the uncertainties associated with climate change.

The main outcome will be effective investment to improve management of the scarce water resources and reduction of environmental degradation in all countries in the region.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the preparation of the above project proposal with the support of the World Bank. If approved, the project will be prepared and implemented by the Arab Water Council jointly with national ministries and other concerned partners in the Arab States including the Ministry of Water and Irrigation of Jordan. Further, I request the World Bank to provide a copy of the project document for review before it is submitted to the GEF Secretariat for CEO endorsement.

I understand that the total GEF financing being requested for this project is US\$5,644,545 inclusive of project preparation grant (PPG), if any, and a 10% Agency fee to the World Bank, for project cycle management services associated with this project. The project will be funded through the Mediterranean Environmental Sustainable Development Program

Sincerely

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