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USA

Dear Madam

**THE FRAMEWORK OF TRANSBOUNDARY DIAGNOSTIC ANALYSIS (TDA) AND STRATEGIC ACTION PROGRAMME (SAP)**

This is to forward Uganda Government's endorsement for the request for ~~GEF~~ ~~Block~~ Funds of up to US\$100 million from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) for the preparation of the Second Phase of the Lake Victoria Environmental Management Project (LVEMP2) within the framework of Trans-boundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA) and Strategic Action Programme (SAP) for the Lake Victoria Basin (LVB). The proposed request is attached for your follow-up action.

The funds being requested will assist the riparian countries to identify the priority trans-boundary concerns from a geographic perspective along with their root causes in sectoral activities and then identify policy, legal and institutional reforms and interventions to address them. The results of the visioning process that was conducted over the past year together with the information collected during LVEMP1 will be used to prepare LVEMP2 within the framework of the TDA and the SAP. Rwanda and Burundi shall participate in the TDA through the appropriate protocols in existence given the importance of the Kagera River system in the LVB. Based on the results of the TDA, the SAP will propose investments and policy as well as institutional reforms to address the issues particularly those with trans-boundary effects. In this way conflicts related to the use of the goods and services generated by ecosystems in the LVB will be minimized through a coordinated programme of action conducted jointly by the three countries.

This implementation of the prepared project will support not only Uganda's efforts, but also those of Kenya and Tanzania, to fulfil their obligations on trans-boundary issues regarding International Waters, Land Degradation and Climate Change among others, in addition to promoting environmentally and socially sustainable economic development within the LVB. I therefore urge the World Bank and GEF to facilitate the approval of this important request and I thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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