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**To:** Mr. David McCauley  
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Asian Development Bank  
6 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City  
1550 Metro Manila, Philippines

**Subject: Endorsement Letter for project "Capacity and Management Support for Combating Land Degradation in Dryland Ecosystems"**

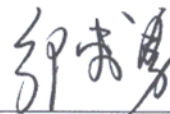
In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for China, I confirm that the above project proposal (a) is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitments made by China under the relevant global environmental conventions and (b) has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the global environmental convention focal points, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the preparation of the above project proposal with the support of Asian Development Bank. If approved, the proposal will be prepared and implemented by State Forestry Administration. Further, I request Asian Development 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 \$3,000,200, inclusive of Agency fee (10%) to Asian Development Bank for project cycle management services associated with this project.

Land Degradation: \$3,000,200.

Sincerely yours,



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