

Naoko Ishii CEO and Chairperson

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Dear Council Member,

FAO as the Implementing Agency for the project entitled: *Global: Participatory Assessment of Land Degradation and Sustainable Land Management in Grassland and Pastoral Systems,* has submitted the attached proposed project document for CEO endorsement prior to final Agency approval of the project document in accordance with the FAO procedures.

The Secretariat has reviewed the project document. It is consistent with the project concept approved by the Council in May 2014 and the proposed project remains consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures. The attached explanation prepared by FAO satisfactorily details how Council's comments and those of the STAP have been addressed.

We have today posted the proposed project document on the GEF website at <u>www.TheGEF.org</u> for your information. We would welcome any comments you may wish to provide by July 21, 2016 before I endorse the project. You may send your comments to <u>gcoordination@TheGEF.org</u>.

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.

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