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Rīga, 2 November 2004.

Dear Mr. Pinto,

Re: Endorsement for GEF funding "Building Sustainable Capacity and Ownership to Implement UNCCD Objectives in Latvia"

On behalf of the Government of Latvia and, in my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point, I hereby endorse the project entitled "**Building Sustainable Capacity and Ownership to Implement UNCCD Objectives in Latvia**" to be presented through the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to the Global Environmental Facility for funding.

The project "Global environmental management issues related National capacity needs self-assessment in Latvia" results pointed out the weakness of the UNCCD sector in comparison with other global conventions. Therefore project proposal "Building Sustainable Capacity and Ownership to Implement UNCCD Objectives in Latvia" is supportive of many of the priority actions identified in the National Environment Policy Plan for 200-2008.

The Government of the Republic of Latvia appreciates the continuing support of UNDP and the Global Environment Facility in the important initiatives for global environment concerns.

We look forward to our fruitful cooperation and significant results from the project.

Sincerely,

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 Deputy State Secretary

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