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RE: ENDORSEMENT OF GEF GRANT FOR PREPARATION OF THE NATIONAL FADAMA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME II (GEF PPG No. TF 05725)

Kindly recall the earlier endorsement of the above project by the GEF Operational Focal Point in 2001 and your request for a re-endorsement, since the previous endorsement was done three years ago.

- 2. You may also recall that due to a number of Quality Enhancement Reviews (QERs) by the World Bank and the Federal Government of Nigeria, the main 2nd National Fadama Development Programme had undergone some changes. These also reflected on the Integrated Ecosystem Management component, which was re-designed to make the proposed intervention more focused on land degradation especially sustainable land use and water management.
- 3. These changes are consistent with the Federal Government of Nigeria's pursuit of the continual provision of ecological services for improved agricultural productivity and enhanced livelihood of fadama (riparian floodplains) dependent rural dwellers.
- 4. In the light of the fore-going, I hereby re-endorse GEF PPG TF 05725 and reaffirm the country's commitment to the project.

Warmest regards.

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