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No.F.1 (48) 03-Tech-I  
Government of Pakistan  
Ministry of Environment

Islamabad, the 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2004

Sub: **Endorsement of the GEF Project Concept and PDF-B Proposal on "Sustainable Land Management for Combating Desertification in Pakistan."**

Dear Mr. Yucer,

The enclosed Project Concept and GEF PDF-B Proposal titled "Sustainable Land Management for Combating Desertification in Pakistan" was received from the "Ecosystem Management and Natural Resources Conservation" unit of NEAP-SP/Forestry Wing of the Ministry of Environment, Government of Pakistan for its endorsement and onward transmission to the UNDP-GEF desk in New York, USA.

2. The main objective of the project is to combat desertification and deforestation in Pakistan by strengthening institutional capacity and creating an enabling environment for sustainable Land use management as well as implementation of integrated and sustainable land use management interventions on-the-ground, seeking restoration of degraded ecosystems. The full-scale project will be developed within the context of sustainable development and poverty alleviation in the country with the involvement of key stakeholders. The proposed project conforms to the GEF focal area Land Degradation and GEF Operational Program OP 15-Sustainable Land Management and Pakistan is a party to the United Nations Convention on Combating Desertification (UNCCD) since 1994. It has, therefore, been decided to endorse the enclosed project for GEF financing.

3. I, the undersigned, in the capacity of GEF Operational Focal Point, endorse the Project Concept and PDF-B Proposal. It is, therefore, requested that the project may be taken up with GEF for financing and this Ministry be kept informed of the subsequent developments.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Jawed Ali Khan)  
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1. Mr. Abdul Qadir, Rafiq, Chief Environment, a.i, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Saudi Pak Tower, Blue Area, Islamabad with reference to his letter of 26 March 2004.
2. Dr. Bashir Ahmed Wani, Inspector General Forests/Sub-Programme Director, PIU-3, NEAP-SP, Ministry of Environment, Islamabad with reference to his letter No. F.7 (8)/2002/NEAP-sp3/677-81 dated April 03, 2004.
3. Dr. Azhar Mansur Khan, National Programme Manger, NEAP-Support Programme, Ministry of Environment CDA Block IV, Islamabad.
4. PS to the Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Islamabad.