

Naoko Ishii CEO and Chairperson

September 08, 2015

Dear Council Member:

UNEP as the Implementing Agency for the project entitled: **Bahamas: Pine Islands** - **Forest/Mangrove Innovation and Integration (Grand Bahama, New Providence, Abaco and Andros),** has submitted the attached proposed project document for CEO endorsement prior to final approval of the project document in accordance with UNEP procedures.

The Secretariat has reviewed the project document. It is consistent with the proposal approved by Council in April 2013 and the proposed project remains consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures. The attached explanation prepared by UNEP satisfactorily details how Council's comments and those of the STAP have been addressed. I am, therefore, endorsing the project document.

We have today posted the proposed project document on the GEF website at <u>www.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.

Sincerely,

Naoko Ishii Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson

Attachment: Copy to: Project document Country Operational Focal Point, GEF Agencies, STAP, Trustee