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SUBJECT: Endorsement for TA 7109-PHI: Integrated Natural Resources and Environmental Management (INREM) Sector Project

Dear **Mr. Ponzi**:

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for the Philippines, I confirm that the above project proposal is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitments made by the Philippines under the relevant global environment conventions, and has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the global environmental convention focal points, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the preparation of the above project proposal with the support of the ADB. If approved, the proposal will be prepared and implemented by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and other groups that will be finalized during the project preparation. Further, I request the ADB to provide a copy of the project document for work program inclusion before it is submitted to the GEF Secretariat for CEO endorsement.

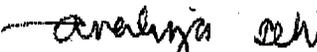
I understand that the total GEF financing being requested for this project is \$4,210,000, inclusive of project preparation grant (PPG) and Agency fee (10%) to ADB for project cycle management services. The requested contribution from the Biodiversity RAF for Philippines is \$1,500,000 while from Climate Change RAF is \$710,000..

I consent to the utilization of the following indicative allocations available to Philippines in GEF 4 under the RAF to cover the GEF project preparation and implementation as well as associated Agency fees for this project. I also endorse the application for GEF support for this project

under the International Waters focal areas in support to the Coral Triangle Initiative.

Biodiversity RAF	\$ 1,500,000
Climate Change Raf	\$ 710,000
International Waters	\$ 2,000,000
Total	\$ 4,210,000

Very truly yours,


ATTY. ANALIZA R. TEH
Assistant Secretary and
GEF Operational Focal Point

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