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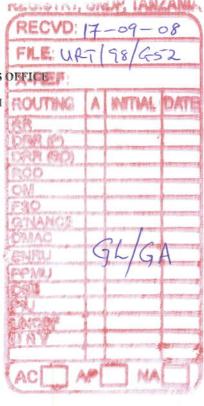
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Re: Endorsement for Project: "Sustainable Management of the Miombo Woodland Resources of Western Tanzania"

In my capacity as GEF Focal Point for Tanzania, I confirm that the above project proposal (a) is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitments made by Tanzania under the relevant global environmental conventions and (b) 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 UNDP and the World Bank. If approved, the project document will be prepared and implemented by the Government, and the Institute of Resource Assessment (IR) Further, I request UNDP as lead IA to provide a copy of the final Project Document for review and comments before it is submitted to the GEF Secretariat for CEO endorsement.

The total GEF financing being requested for this project is US\$3.20 m; consisting of US\$2.2 m from RAF Biodiversity and US\$1.0 m from RAF climate change for project preparation (PPG) and implementation. In addition, I request that, consistent with GEF corporate policies, an amount of US\$320,000 (10% of the project and PPG amount) be allocated to cover the IA fee for project cycle management services associated with this project.

I thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Yours sincerely,

PERMANENT SECRETARY

Ruth H.