REPUBLIC OF TUNISIA

The Ministry of Environment And Sustainable Development

General Direction of Environment

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Subject: Endorsement for Enhancing Ecotourism and Conservation of Desert Biodiversity in Tunisia

The Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, as the GEF Operational Focal Point for Tunisia, confirm, by this correspondence, that the above project proposal (a) is in accordance with the national priorities, in the field of environment and Biodiversity Conservation.

This preliminary proposal (PIF) for this project feet with the national commitments under the relevant global environmental conventions and GEF's policy on public involvement.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the preparation of the above project proposal with the support of World Bank. If approved, the proposal will be prepared and implemented by the World Bank, in international level, and the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, in national level.

Further, I request The World Bank to submitted this project preliminary proposal to the GEF Secretariat for CEO endorsement.

I understand that the total GEF financing being requested for this project is \$2,800,000, inclusive of project preparation grant (PPG).

Sincerely,

General Director

GEF National Focal Point