



Naoko Ishii
CEO and Chairperson

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Dear Council Member,

The ADB as the Implementing Agency for the project entitled: *Vietnam: Integrating Biodiversity Conservation, Climate Resilience and Sustainable Forest Management in Trung Truong Son Landscapes under the Regional: GMS-FBP Greater Mekong Sub-region Forests and Biodiversity Program (PROGRAM)*, has submitted the attached proposed project document for CEO endorsement prior to final Agency approval of the project document in accordance with the ADB procedures.

The Secretariat has reviewed the project document. It is consistent with the project concept approved by the Council in November 2012 and the proposed project remains consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures. The attached explanation prepared by the ADB satisfactorily details how Council's comments and those of the STAP have been addressed.

We have today posted the proposed project document on the GEF website at www.TheGEF.org for your information. We would welcome any comments you may wish to provide by October 21, 2014 before I endorse the project. You may send your comments to gcoordination@TheGEF.org.

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,

for Naoko Ishii
Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson

Attachment: GEFSEC Project Review Document
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