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Subject: Endorsement for Sustainable Land and Ecosystem Management Partnership (SLEM)

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for India, I confirm that the above project proposal (a) is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitments made by India 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 Umbrella PIF, the six Sub projects attached in the matrix (Annexure: 1). The matrix outlines three types of co-financing mechanisms (1:10, 1:5 and 1:3) depending on the capacity of the project and the available resources. Additionally, three complete sub project PIF are also enclosed (National Agriculture Innovative Project; Sustainable Land Management in Shifting Cultivation Areas of Nagaland for Ecological and Livelihood Security; and, SLEM –CPP – Institutional Coordination, Policy Outreach and M&E project) for GEF consideration and approval. The remaining three sub projects are in the preparatory stage and will be submitted soon through the World Bank. If approved, the SLEM proposals will be prepared and implemented by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, GoI, the World Bank along with other partners.

I understand that the total GEF financing being requested for this project is USD 30 million (including USD 15 million from GEF Global Portfolio on Land Degradation; USD 10 m from India's Biodiversity RAF and USD 5 million from Climate Change Adaptation Fund) and Agency fee (10%) to the implementing partners concerned (for project cycle management services associated with this project.

With warm regards,

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Yours sincerely,

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Joint Secretary and GEF Operational Focal Point India Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India

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