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Minister of State for Foreign Affairs**

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Cairo, January 16, 2003

Dear Mr. Ayub

This is reference to the IBRD Loan Agreement and the GEF Grant agreement of the Second Matrouh Resources Management Project negotiated in Cairo and initialed on December 19, 2003.

We are pleased to inform you that the Government of Egypt approves in principle, and subject to the Parliament's ratification, the above mentioned documents.

Sincerely,

Fayza Aboulnaga


Minister of State for Foreign Affairs