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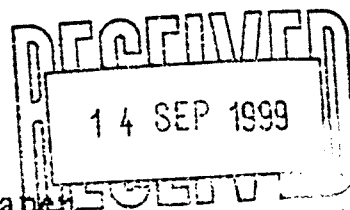
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To: Sheila Aggarwal-Khan
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China: Endorsement Letter for GEF Project Concept Paper

The Potential of Managing Peatlands for
Carbon Storage and Sequestration Project

Dear Sheila Aggarwal-Khan:

This is to advise you that Ministry of Finance, as the GEF Focal Point for China, would like to endorse the captioned concept paper to be submitted by UNEP for GEF support.

The wetlands in the world are playing a very important role in biodiversity protection and climate change. Accounting for a large share of China's wetlands which is actually the largest in Asia, peatlands management has been classified as a priority in the "National Action Plan for Wetlands Protection in China". In this context, by participating in the proposed project, China will not only gain from, but also contribute to its success.

Looking forward to a fruitful and pleasant cooperation with UNEP

Best regards,

Sincerely yours,

(Jilin Yang)

Operational Focal Point for China

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Dear Madam,

RE : UNEP-GEF PDF Block A (for a Targeted Research Grant Proposal) :
Wetlands and Climate Change – The Potential of Managing Peatlands for
Carbon Storage and Sequestration.

In reference to the request by Wetlands International, through Wetlands International's Indonesia Programme, for funding of the above-cited project preparation grant (Block A-PDF), I hereby strongly endorse the request in my capacity as the Global Environment Facility (GEF) Focal Point for Indonesia.

This letter also serves to confirm our agreement that Wetlands International's Indonesia Programme should be the direct recipient of the relevant portion of the GEF Grant for the PDF/A implementation for which Indonesia is one of the five selected country case studies.

Given the important association between management of Indonesia's extensive peatlands and global climate changes, it is important to implement this activity in cooperation with the relevant government agencies.

I believe that this Block A PDF will be a very important step towards conserving Indonesia's peatlands in view of the impacts their carbon storage and sequestration functions have on climate change.

Yours sincerely,

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Moscow, 18 April, 2000

Dear Ms. Sheila Aggarwal-Khan,

By following I am pleased to approve the project proposal for participation of Russian Federation in GEF Peatlands and Climate change project, as the representation of the operations of the Focal Point for GEF projects in Russian Federation.

The project under consideration addressed to the problem of peatlands wise use and management approaches, what would prevent their degradation and therefore greenhouse gases release to the atmosphere.

Being a Contracting party to the Ramsar Convention, the Russian Federation has developed the National Wetland Strategy and Action Plan proved by National Wetland Workshop in February, 1999 within the ongoing Wetlands Conservation Programme carried out by Wetlands International and the Federal State Committee for Environmental Protection, funded by the Government of the Netherlands. The National Wetlands Strategy and Action Plan consider peatlands of Russia as a significant component of natural ecosystems. The named documents are in correspondence and fits well into Russia's National Biodiversity Strategy and Action plan, to be developed in 2002. Russia supported initiatives for the Global Action Plan for Peatlands (GAPP) adopted by Ramsar 7th Conference of Parties.

Promotion of the Russian Federation initiatives on peatland wise use, both in the national policy and international level, will contribute to meeting requirements of the Global Conventions on Biodiversity Conservation, on Climate Change, and on Wetlands (the Ramsar Convention).

Yours sincerely,

18. Apr. 2000
Dr.A.M.Amirkhanov
Focal point for GEF
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