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ENDORSEMENT LETTER

Subject: « Restoring the environmental functions, ecological integrity and socio-economic services of forest lands capes in the Middle Atlas (Morocco) ».

Dear Sir,

This is to inform you that the Ministry of Territory Management, Water and Environment, endorses the project "Restoring the environmental functions, ecological integrity and socio-economic services of forest lands capes in the Middle Atlas (Morocco)".

This project is in line with National Forestry Program, which focuses on conserving and restoring the three integrated functions of Moroccan forests (ecological, social and economic). It also inserts itself clearly within the priorities of the National Action plan to Combat Desertification as it considers a multi-sectoral approach to address the major issues of improving rural livelihoods, while addressing land degradation.

This project also responds to the Moroccan biodiversity strategy and action plan. Moreover, it also takes into consideration the priorities identified within the National Plan for implementing Integrated River Basin Management.

Furthermore, this project aims to respond in an integrated way to three priority action programs identified by the Moroccan Government within its National Strategy for Environment protection in the medium and long term.

We are strongly convinced that it qualifies for GEF funding and its resulting implementation will promote into the country.

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Le Directeur de l'Unité de
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Signé Taha BALAFREJ