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URGENTE**Ref: *Regional Silvo-Pastoral Approaches to Ecosystem Management***

Dear Ms. Bradley:

I wish to refer to the above-cited project. On behalf of the Colombian Government-Minister of Environment, we completely endorse the Regional (Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Colombia) Silvo-Pastoral Approaches to Ecosystem Management GEF project and we authorise CATIE to be the sole recipient of the GEF Grant.

The integrated management ecosystem focus adopted by the project within the context of regional development will result in the consecutive national, regional and global benefits in terms of the GEF operational principles.

Sincerely,


Juan Mayr Maldonado
Minister of the Environment

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