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Phnom Penh, 09 July 2002

No. 75 MoE

Mme Dominique Ait Ouyahia-McAdams
UNDP Resident Representative
Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Dear Mme McAdams,

Subject: Preparation of National Adaptation Programs of Action (NAPA) by Least Developed Countries (LDC)

With reference to your letter dated 04 June 2002 to H.E. Dr. Mok Mareth, Cambodia's Minister for the Environment, regarding the above mentioned subject, I would like to thank you for the information on the NAPA initiative and potential funds that may be accessed by Cambodia as a LDC country for undertaking the NAPA activities. In this regard, I am seeking UNDP support to assist MoE to access the funds, especially given our ongoing partnership in the CCEAP project and the relevance of the NAPA initiative for Cambodia. It is my pleasure to support, in my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point, the initiation of the above activity by MoE in partnership with UNDP for addressing issues of vulnerability and adaptation plans to climate change by Cambodia. Given the good project groundwork already laid by CCEAP project, we can build on the project outputs for formulating the NAPA. However, to assist the national team towards the formulation of the NAPA brief, we request you to kindly facilitate the inputs of a regional/international adaptation expert for the preparation of the brief.

For your kind information, the Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen signed the Instrument of Accession to the Kyoto Protocol on 04 July 2002, an indication of our concerns and commitments towards the global efforts in addressing climate change issues. We are also currently in the process of nominating UNFCCC focal point, a further step in strengthening climate change institution in Cambodia.

We are looking forward to cooperating with you.

Sincerely Yours,

Khieu Muth,
Director General, GEF-OPF
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In response to your letter of 04 June 2002 regarding the above mentioned subject, I would like to thank you for the apprising us of this new initiative and indicating the funds that may be accessed by Cambodia as a LDC country for undertaking the NAPA activities. In this regard, I am requesting UNDP as GEF partner to assist MoE to access the funds, especially given our ongoing constructive and fruitful partnership in the CCEAP project and the relevance of the NAPA initiative for Cambodia, which should build on the work of the CCEAP.

For your kind information, the Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen signed the Instrument of Accession to the Kyoto Protocol on 04 July 2002, an indication of our serious intention and commitments to contribute to the global efforts in addressing climate change threats. We are also currently in the process of nominating UNFCCC focal point, a further step in strengthening climate change institution in Cambodia.

Please accept, Mme Resident Representative, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Sincerely Yours,

for. Dr. Mok Mareth,
Minister for the Environment

CHHANN SAPHAN
Secretary of State

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