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**Subject: Armenia-National Capacity Needs Self
Assessment for Global Environmental
Management**

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Dear Mr. Remple,

I am pleased to attach an endorsement letter received from Mr. Vardan Ayvazyan, Minister of Nature Protection, GEF Operational Focal Point on the above mentioned project proposal.

I appreciate if the letter with the Project Brief would be forwarded to GEF Secretariat for further approval process.

Best regards.

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To: Mr. Joel Boutroue,
UN Resident Coordinator
UNDP Resident Representative

Dear Mr. Boutroue,

Hereby I, GEF Operational Focal Point for Armenia, officially endorse the "Armenia National Capacity Needs Self-Assessment for Global Environmental Management" project proposal. I confirm that the GEF Operational Focal point and the Implementing Agency have satisfied themselves that Armenia's climate change, biodiversity and land degradation/desertification focal points have been fully consulted and their views taken into account in the formulation of this proposal.

The primary objective of the project is to identify Armenia's level priorities and needs for capacity building to address global environmental issues, in particular biodiversity, climate change, and land degradation, with aim of catalyzing domestic and/or externally assisted action to meet those needs in a coordinated and planned manner.

Taking into consideration that Ministry of Nature Protection of RA approves UNDP as the Implementing Agency to assist GEF Operational Focal Point to execute National Capacity Self-Assessment I look forward to the result of the successful implementation of this project by UNDP and the Ministry of Nature Protection of RA and continued fruitful cooperation established between the Ministry and UNDP Country Office.

Sincerely yours,

V. Ayvazyan