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Doctor
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Dear Sir,

In my capacity as Global Environment Facility (GEF) operational focal point for Ecuador, I hereby endorse the enclosed proposal to access GEF funding to conduct a National Capacity Self Assessment for Global Environmental Management (NCSA) through the United Nations Development Programme.

Pursuant to the NCSA Operational Guidelines, the focal points for climate change, biodiversity and land degradation/desertification have been fully consulted and their views taken into account in the formulation of this proposal.

The Republic of Ecuador considers the NCSA to be an important and valuable exercise in our ongoing efforts to protect the global environment while working to achieve our national sustainable development goals.

Sincerely,



LOURDES LUQUE DE JARAMILLO

Minister of Environment
GEF Focal Point