



REPUBLIC OF LEBANON
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

Our Ref: 2615/B

TO : Mr. Yves de San
 Resident Representative
 UNDP- Beirut

Fax no : 961-1-981 521

Subject: **National Capacity Needs Self Assessment (NCSA)**
for Global Environmental Management.

6 February, 2002

Dear Mr. de San,

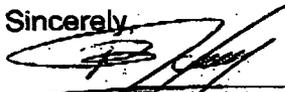
The Ministry of Environment would like to seize this opportunity to acknowledge the continuous support of the United Nations Development Programme to environmental activities in Lebanon, and notably to the initiatives under the "National Capacity Needs Self Assessment" theme of Global Environment Facility.

The Operational Guidelines for Expedited Funding of National Self Assessments of Capacity Building Needs was reviewed and evaluated by the concerned services at the Ministry. Taking into consideration the specified activities for the above mentioned proposal, the Ministry of Environment hereby endorses its contents.

The Ministry of Environment recognizes the importance of this project proposal as a priority to explore the synergies among the global environmental issues in particular biological diversity, climate change, and land degradation and encourages the need of a long-term approach to capacity building within the broader context of sustainable development in Lebanon.

Looking forward for continuous cooperation between the Global Environment Facility through the United Nations Development Programme office in Beirut and the Ministry.

Sincerely,


 Berj Hatjian Ph.D.
 Director General



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