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CC: Mr. Frank Pinto, UNDP
Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaif, UNEP

Subject: *Proposal on "National Capacity Needs Self Assessment for Global Environmental Management" Project.*

Dear Mr. El-Ashry,

Following careful consideration of the various strengths of the two agencies (UNEP and UNDP) in regard to assisting Uzbekistan to implement the NCSA process the National Operational Focal Point, the relevant National Convention Focal Points (i.e. FP's for Biodiversity, Climate Change and Combating Desertification Conventions) and other key "in-country" stakeholders have reached a decision that UNDP would be preferable.

This decision was based principally on the knowledge that UNDP, through its joint Environmental Programme in Uzbekistan, has greater national capacity to assist Uzbekistan in regard to the practical NCSA implementation.

However, we would like to take the opportunity to thank UNEP for its initial assistance in the development of the NCSA proposal and look forward to seeing their active and valuable contribution to this and other relevant initiatives in Uzbekistan.

In conclusion, I have requested UNDP to assist in the proposal's finalization and to initiate the process of submitting the proposal for the NCSA to GEF Secretariat. I therefore look forward to its approval in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

Sergey Myagkov,
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of the Republic of Uzbekistan