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Dear Sir,

Acting in our capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point in Poland we would like to extend our support to a Project proposal entitled „Total Sector Methyl Bromide Phase Out in Countries with Economies in Transition”. This Project was developed with PDFB assistance of GEF and may be viewed as a common product of experts from UNEP and seven participating countries. The Montreal Protocol on Protection of Ozone Layer requests the signatory countries to eliminate methyl bromides form its agricultural application until the end of 2004. The proposed Project may significantly contribute to meeting this requirement by countries with economies in transition.

The EcoFund's experts have examined the proposed Project. We found its non-investment component useful and well thought out. Also the investment component seems to be well balanced and focused on introducing alternative solutions. However, further efforts should be added to complete and justify the list of tasks and the budget line of the Project after breaking it down by participating countries. It is also important to clearly define threats and risks associated with implementation of the Project.

Based on our experience in environmental protection in Poland we believe that the proposed Project has a full potential to produce a very much needed results and to facilitate efforts of several institutions and Government Agencies to meeting requirements of the Montreal Protocol before the end of 2004.

Your sincerely

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