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CEO and Chairperson

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Dear Council Members:

The World Bank as the Implementing Agency for the project entitled *Egypt: Sustainable Persistent Organic Pollutants Management Project*, has submitted the attached proposed project document for CEO endorsement prior to final Agency approval of the project document in accordance with the World Bank procedures.

The Secretariat has reviewed the project document. It is consistent with the project concept approved by the Council in June 2009 and the proposed project remains consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures. The attached explanation prepared by the World Bank satisfactorily details how Council's comments and those of the STAP have been addressed.

The above-mentioned project has been in the GEF pipeline for several years now and has most recently been the subject of a tripartite meeting on April 1, 2014, between the GEF Secretariat, the World Bank and Egypt's Operational Focal Point to agree on a way forward with the project. Given that the project is now ready for endorsement, we are seeking an expedited circulation to Council for two weeks instead of the usual four, so that the World Bank can keep up with its scheduled internal approval of the project before the end of FY2014.

We have today posted the proposed project document on the GEF website at www.TheGEF.org for your information. We would welcome any comments you may wish to provide by May 7, 2014 before I endorse the project. You may send your comments to gcoordination@TheGEF.org.

If you do not have access to the Web, you may request the local field office of UNDP or the World Bank to download the document for you. Alternatively, you may request a copy of the document from the Secretariat. If you make such a request, please confirm for us your current mailing address.

Sincerely,

Naoko Ishii

Attachment: Project Document

cc: Alternates, GEF Agencies, STAP, Trustee