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**The Ministry of Environment  
and Sustainable Development**  
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**Mr. Steve Gorman,  
GEF Executive coordinator  
World Bank  
Washington DC - USA**

**Subject:** Endorsement for Africa Stockpiles Programme- Project 1 –  
Supplemental funds for disposal and prevention.

The Africa Stockpiles Programme- Project 1 (ASP-P1) was launched in Tunisia in 2005. During the preparation of ASP-P1, while the amounts of obsolete pesticides were estimated based on the existing level of information available at that time, it was recognized that the clean up and disposal costs would be better assessed once detailed inventories take place.

Following a nation-wide inventory, the budget for adequate safeguarding and disposal of stocks and associated waste has been recalculated, demonstrating a significant funding gap, resulting from (1) larger than estimated stocks of obsolete pesticides and (2) an increase of 50% on average in the unit cost of safeguarding and disposal. Additional funds are therefore needed to bridge the financing gap for safeguarding and disposal of all the inventoried publicly-held obsolete pesticides and associated waste and toward the establishment of sustainable mechanisms for managing future accumulation of obsolete stocks and associated wastes beyond the life of the project. A Project Identification Form (PIF) supporting the request for supplemental funds is enclosed.

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for The Tunisian Republic, I confirm that the above supplemental project proposal (a) is in accordance with the national environmental priorities; and (b) has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the global environmental convention focal points, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.


Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the preparation of this supplementary project proposal with the support of the World Bank. If approved, this supplemental proposal will be prepared and implemented by the National Agency for Waste Management (ANGEd).

The later organisation is already charged with the implementation of the ongoing ASP-Tunisia Project.

Further, I request the World Bank to provide a copy of the project document for re-endorsement by this office before it is submitted to the GEF Secretariat for CEO endorsement.

I understand that the total GEF financing being requested for this project in Tunisia is **\$847,000** inclusive of project preparation grant (PPG), if any, and agency fee to the World Bank for project cycle management services associated with this project.

Sincerely,



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**National Operational Focal Point**

