



**Kabinet van  
de President van de  
Republiek Suriname**

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**Re: Letter of Endorsement**

Dear Mr. Remple,

It is with great pleasure, in my capacity as Focal Point of the Republic of Suriname for the Global Environment Facility (GEF), that I inform you of our support to the content of the Project Brief titled "Conservation of Globally Significant Forest Ecosystems in Suriname's Guayana Shield" whereto this letter is attached. We hereby request UNDP/GEF to undertake the relevant steps for submission of this proposal to the Global Environment Facility for its consideration for funding.

This project is fully consistent with Suriname's increasing policy commitments on biodiversity conservation, which recently have resulted in, among other things, the establishment of the National Council for Environment as advisory body and the National Institute for Environment and Development in Suriname (NIMOS) as executive agency, both at the highest policy level, namely within the Cabinet of the President, and the establishment of the Central Suriname Nature Reserve, raising Suriname's protected areas' surface to 15% of the nation's land. At the same time, conserving the biological diversity in this part of Suriname will contribute significantly to the global biodiversity conservation and will open up promising opportunities to embark on and/or coordinate with similar regional efforts in the Guayana Shield.

Having a very high policy priority ranking, execution of the project will provide an excellent opportunity for Suriname to embark on larger scale and structural biodiversity conservation efforts. It meets the objectives of the National Strategy for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Suriname's Biological Diversity (NSBD) and is consistent with the outlines of the National Environmental Action Plan.

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We believe that the projects meets GEF eligibility criteria and anticipate your considered analysis and submission to the GEF for funding consideration.

I take this opportunity to reiterate my feelings of high esteem and extend my regards to you and your staff.

Yours truly,



Mrs. Drs. Ellen Naarendorp

Focal Point in Suriname for the GEF;  
Chairperson of the National Council for Environment