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To: Mr. Yannick Glemarec GEF Executive Coordinator UNDP, New York, USA

Subject: Endorsement for "India GEF Coastal and Marine Program"

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for India, I confirm that the above Program proposal (a) is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitments made by India under the relevant global environmental conventions 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 objectives and strategies of the above Program proposal and express our commitment to participate in this Program. Along with this Program, we are also submitting 2 PIFs on "Mainstreaming Coastal and Marine Biodiversity Conservation into Production Sectors in the Godavari River Estuary, Andhra Pradesh" and "Mainstreaming Coastal and Marine Biodiversity Conservation into Production Sectors in the Malvan Coast, Maharashtra" respectively. If approved, both the proposals will be prepared and implemented by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Gol, respective State Governments and UNDP.

I understand that the total GEF financing being requested for this Program is USD 10.476 million from India's biodiversity RAF (of which USD 6.626 m is for Andhra Pradesh proposal and USD 3.85 m for Maharashtra proposal), which includes project preparation grant, if any, and agency fee (10 %) to UNDP for project cycle management services associated with this Program.

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