

MINISTRY OF WATERWAYS AND ENVIRONMENT

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To: Mr. Pradeep Kurukulasuriya Executive Coordinator and Director, UNDP-GEF United Nations Development Program 304 East 45th Street, Room 982 New York, NY 10017, USA

United Nations Development Program

Subject: Endorsement for Mainstreaming climate change and eco-system based approaches into the sustainable management of the Living Marine Resources of the WCPFC.

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Fiji, I confirm that the above project proposal (a) is in accordance with my government's national priorities and our commitment to the relevant global environmental conventions. The project will be implemented through closely working with both the Ministry of Waterways and Environment and the Ministry of Fisheries. The reporting of outcomes (including the ones under the Global Environmental Conventions) would recognize the environmental outputs and be reported through the Fiji's GEF National Focal Point prior to submission.

I am pleased to endorse the preparation of the above project proposal with the support of the GEF Agency listed below. If approved, the proposal will be prepared and implemented by the Pacific Island Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA). I request the GEF agency to provide a copy of the project document before it is submitted to the GEF Secretariat for CEO endorsement.

The total financing from GEFTF being requested for this project is US\$ 11,278,500 inclusive of project preparation grant (PPG), if any, and the agency fees for project cycle management services associated with the total GEF grant. I understand that the financing requested for the project (region) is detailed in the table below.

| Source of Funds | GEF Agency | Focal Area | Amount (in US\$) | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------|------------|---------|------------|
| | | | Project Preparation | Project | Fee | Total |
| GETF | UNDP | IW | 300,000 | 10,000,000 | 978,500 | 11,278,500 |
| Total GEF Resources 300,0 | | | 300,000 | 10,000,000 | 978,500 | 11,278,500 |

This endorsement is forwarded with an understanding that there will be no drawing on the national STAR allocation at all and no actual fiscal cost to Fiji's utilization of allocations from the GEF-7 as defined in the System for Transparent Allocation of Resources (STAR).

Sincerely, Permane Ministry of Waterways and Environment

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