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The World Bank
1818 H Street NW, Washington D.C. 20433

Subject: Endorsement for Sustainable Financing and Management of Eastern Caribbean Marine Ecosystem

In my capacity as the GEF Operational Focal Point for Antigua and Barbuda, I confirm that the above project proposal is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitments made by Antigua and Barbuda under the relevant global environmental conventions and there has been discussed with the relevant stakeholders, including the global environmental convention focal points, in accordance with the GEF's policy on public involvement.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the preparation of the above project proposal with the support of the World Bank. If approved, the proposal will be prepared and implemented by the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States Secretariat and the Nature Conservancy. 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 allocation for this project is 12 Million of which 1,980,000.00 will be applied to Antigua and Barbuda. This amount is inclusive of project preparation grant and applicable agency fees (10%) for the World Bank for project management related activities. I therefore consent to the utilization of the following indicative allocation available to Antigua and Barbuda and the GEF under the GEF Resource Allocation Framework for Biodiversity.

Table with 7 columns: GEF Agency, Focal Area, Country Global, Name/, (USD) Project preparation, Project, Fee, Total. Row 1: World Bank, Biodiversity, Antigua and Barbuda, 50,000.00, 1,750,000, 180,000.00, 1,980,000.00.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Ambassador Dianh Black-Layne
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