



## Global Environment Facility

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September 14, 2009

Ms. Maryam Niamir-Fuller  
GEF Executive Coordinator  
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Nairobi 00100, Kenya

Dear Ms. Niamir-Fuller:

After reviewing the Project Identification Form (the "PIF") submitted for *Global (Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Algeria, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Montenegro, Syria, Tunisia): Integration of Climatic Variability and Change into National Strategies to implement the ICZM Protocol in the Mediterranean*, I am pleased to clear the PIF for an indicative amount of \$2,298,545 for possible inclusion in the next work program scheduled for review by the GEF Council. All PIFs cleared for inclusion in the work program will be posted on the website for four weeks prior to Council approval.

PIF clearance authorizes you to begin preparation of the project proposal, taking into account the attached comments made by the GEF Secretariat, which are based on the project concept's eligibility under the GEF Trust Fund and which ensure conformity with GEF focal area strategies.

Please note that the final grant amount will be confirmed at the time of CEO endorsement of your final project document. The endorsement will be based on the Secretariat's review of the final project document's consistency with GEF policies and procedures, particularly the cost-effectiveness of the financing plan.

Should Council Members raise significant policy or strategic concerns about the concept, the Secretariat will undertake consultations with the beneficiary country and your Agency about either revisions to address the Council Members' concerns or whether to cancel the project proposal and possibly the associated PPG, if any.

It is our expectation that your Agency will submit a final project document for endorsement no later than March 2011. You are requested to inform the Secretariat at least one month in advance if this timeline cannot be met. We will then consult with the beneficiary country and your Agency prior to reaching a decision on whether to establish a new timeline or to cancel the concept.

Ms. Maryam Niamir-Fuller

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I am attaching a copy of the project tracking sheet and review sheet for your records.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barbut', enclosed within a hand-drawn rectangular box with a diagonal slash through it.

Monique Barbut  
Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson

Attachment: GEF Project Tracking Sheet, GEFSEC Review Sheet

Copy to: Country Operational Focal Point, GEF Agencies, STAP, Trustee

