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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 Palau, I confirm that the above project proposal (a) is in accordance with my government's national priorities (including, if available, the priorities identified in the National Adaptation Plan of Action and/or the National Capacity Self-Assessment,) and our commitment to the relevant global environmental conventions; and (b) was discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the global environmental convention focal points.

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 Agency fees for project cycle management services associated with the total GEF grant. The financing requested for the project is given 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 | | | 300,000 | 10,000,000 | 978,500 | 11,278,500 |

Sincerely,

King M. Sam
GEF Operational Focal Point