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To: Mr. Bradley Busetto
UN Resident Coordinator,
UNDP Resident Representative in Armenia

Subject: Financial commitment letter

The Government of the Republic of Armenia confirms its full support to the implementation of the project "Elimination of Obsolete Pesticide (OP) Stockpiles and addressing Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) Contaminated Sites within a Sound Chemicals Management Framework in Armenia" financed by the Global Environmental Facility (GEF) and implemented by UNDP. The project aims at removal and sound destruction of known POPs and obsolete pesticide stockpiles in Armenia. The elimination of a POPs pesticide burial site in Nubarashen representing the major POPs stockpile and waste legacy for the country will be delivered by this project.

The principal GEF benefit from the project will be the elimination of 1,050 t of OPs, including POPs pesticides. Overall, a total of 7,100 t of POPs waste as defined by the Stockholm Convention will be eliminated and an additional 12,700 t of relatively low concentration POPs wastes will be securely contained such that a low probability of any release and/or impact on health and environment will occur.

The project is fully in line with strategic priorities of the Government in waste management and clean production sectors, including its national obligations under the Stockholm Convention. The proposal has been extensively discussed with national stakeholders to approve its major strategic directions and project outcomes. The Government's commitments (cash and in-kind contributions) to co-finance project activities from the state budget and the national Mid-term Expenditure Framework were similarly covered in the national consultations.

A recent, dated April 2014, institutional change in the Government initiated with the resignation of the former Prime-minister of the Republic of Armenia had resulted in subsequent restructuring of the Cabinet of Ministers, and redesigning of the Government's

financial and development program. This, in turn, led to delays in completing co-finance support consultations with key implementing partners of the project.

By issuing the current letter of support, hereby, I would like to use the opportunity to confirm the commitment of the Government of Armenia to mobilise state-budget resources as a principal source of co-finance, which along with secured commitments from other multilateral agencies and bilateral development cooperation agencies will ensure the timely implementation and completion of the project. To this end, the Government of Armenia will ensure the provision of 16,020,000 USD (cash and in kind) as cofunding to the project.

Looking forward to our further continuous and fruitful collaboration,



Davit Harutyunyan



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25 July 2014
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Dear GEF Council Members and Secretariat,

Subject: Letter of co-financing for “Elimination of Obsolete Pesticide Stockpiles and Addressing POPs Contaminated Sites within a Sound Chemicals Management Framework” Full-Sized Project

I am pleased to confirm the commitment of the United Nations Development Programme in Armenia for the successful implementation of the UNDP/GEF “Elimination of Obsolete Pesticide Stockpiles and Addressing POPs Contaminated Sites within a Sound Chemicals Management Framework” Full-Sized Project.

The amount of co-financing for the project implementation, allocated from UNDP Armenia TRAC resources, comprises USD 200,000 (two hundred thousand US dollars) for the project implementation life-time. This contribution will be used to support project implementation activities in accordance with the UNDP rules and procedures, and in line with the GEF requirements to ensure project accountability, transparency, effectiveness, efficiency and appropriate due diligence to ensure and validate the elimination and/or effective containment of the targeted POPs wastes.

Herewith, I would also like to inform about the additional contribution in the amount of USD 60,000 (sixty thousand US dollars) by the Czech-UNDP Trust Fund in 2013: this investment was directed towards a detailed field inventory and testing at Nubarashen POPs burial site, as well as for conducting local capacity building activities in the scope of the Full-sized Project Preparation Stage.

Taking the opportunity, I would like to reiterate that UNDP in Armenia looks forward to our cooperation on this important initiative.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bradley Busetto', is positioned to the left of the official UNDP seal.

Bradley Busetto
UN Resident Coordinator/
UNDP Resident Representative in Armenia



GEF Council Members and Secretariat

H.E. Mr. Bradley Busetto
UNDP Resident Representative in Armenia
UN Resident Coordinator in Armenia

18 April 2014
Ref. No. 45/14

Your Excellency,

We are pleased to reconfirm our commitment of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Office in Yerevan to collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme in Armenia within the framework of the “Elimination of Obsolete Pesticide Stockpiles and Addressing POPs Contaminated Sites within a Sound Chemical Management Framework in Armenia” UNDP/GEF Project.

The OSCE Office in Yerevan’s overall contribution to the above-mentioned Project is EUR 266,000 (two hundred sixty six thousand), including the following components:

- EUR 201,500 covering the “Feasibility Study for the Nubarashen Toxic Burial Site” project implemented by the Office (OSCE Project # 4200412), comprising of the site assessment and feasibility study of the persistent organic pollutants (POP) and obsolete pesticides (OP) burial site in Nubarashen, purchase of a specialized equipment and compensation to experts.
- EUR 54,000 –contribution within the the Regulatory Guillotine project (OSCE Project # 4200468).
- EUR 10,500 – in-kind contribution in the form of programmatic activities of the OSCE Office in Yerevan’s staff and use of resources.

The Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, Office in Yerevan, avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the the United Nations Development Programme in Armenia the assurances of its highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Ambassador Andey Sorokin
Head of the OSCE Office in Yerevan

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Dear Mr. Bradley Busetto
UN Resident Coordinator,
UNDP Resident Representative in Armenia

The company "ECOPROTECT" LLC which has accumulated experience in the field of waste disposal, is willing to cooperate with the GEF/UNDP project "Elimination of Obsolete Pesticide Stockpiles and addressing Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) Contaminated Sites within a Sound Chemicals Management Framework in Armenia" financially supported by the Global Environmental Facility (GEF) and implemented by UNDP. The project aims at the removal of known POPs and obsolete pesticide stockpiles in Armenia.

This project fully complies with strategic priorities of our company as our company for several years has been engaged in disposing waste by incineration in special ovens in line with international standards and wishes to expand its capabilities to support environmentally sound disposal of wastes including obsolete pesticides. The project would provide technical assistance to us in this endeavour.

By this letter of support, I would like to use the opportunity to confirm our commitment and contribution in the form of land plot of 0.4 hectares, building infrastructure covering 1281.39 sq.m, and the incineration facility with associated air pollution controls having a disposal capacity of 250 KG per one hour, with total costs constituting \$ 2,640,000 USD in terms of investment into given program over the period 2015-2018.

I hope offer will be interesting, our cooperation will take place and will be mutually beneficial.

"ECOPROTECT" LLC
Director
Mr. K. Janoyan

