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May 11, 2010

Mr. Yannick Glemarec GEF Executive Coordinator United Nations Development Programme One United Nations Plaza New York, NY 10017

Dear Mr. Glemarec:

I am pleased to inform you that I am approving the medium-sized project proposal entitled *Belize:* Strenghtening National Capacities for the Consolidation, Operationalization and Sustainability of Belize's Protected Areas System for \$975,000 chargeable against the GEF Trust Fund (GEFTF). I understand that this project proposal will be submitted for Agency approval in accordance with the UNDP procedures. I note that a project preparation grant of \$25,000 was previously approved for preparation of this project and that a report on the use of those funds has been submitted to the Secretariat. Taking into account the project preparation funds, total GEF grant for the project is \$1,000,000.

I am also approving the agency fee of \$97,500 for project cycle management services.

I am approving this project on the understanding that the project will meet the following milestones:

- (i) the GEF Agency approval will be signed no later than July 2010;
- (ii) the closing date of the project grant will be no later than September 2013, and a terminal evaluation/project completion report will be submitted to the GEF Secretariat within 6 months of such closing date.

You are requested to ensure that the GEF Secretariat is informed when each of these milestones is met. If any milestone is not achieved, and after consultations with your agency, I may agree to revised milestones or recommend cancellation, termination, or suspension of the project, and I will communicate to the beneficiary country and your agency the basis for such a recommendation.

Please ensure that your grant agreements continue to fully reflect these understandings.

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

Sincerely

Attachments: GEF Project Tracking Sheet, GEFSEC Review Sheet

cc: Country Operational Focal Point, GEF Agencies, STAP, Trustee

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OP: Oper Program

PMIS Project ID: 3861

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## GEF Project Tracking System Medium-Sized Project Clearance/Approval

Belize: Strenghtening National Capacities for the Consolidation, Operationalization and Sustainability of Belize's Protected Areas System

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