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From: Pascal Desmedt, General Manager IFO

To: Dr. Naoko Ishii, CEO Global Environment Facility Washington DC, USA

Cc: Ms. Adriana Dinu, Executive Coordinator UNDP/GEF New York, NY 10017 USA adriana.dinu@undp.org

<u>Subject</u>: Commitment to the project "Integrated and Transboundary Conservation of Biodiversity in the Basins of the Republic of Congo (Congo Republic)."

Dear Mr. Naoko Ishii,

In the process of the preparation of the project "Integrated and Transboundary Conservation of Biodiversity in the Basins of the Republic of Congo (Congo Republic)." to be submitted to the Global Environment Facility Funds (GEF) in its sixth replenishment. the UNDP requested us to confirm our activities in the areas of biodiversity conservation and rural development in the Tridom Landscape.

IFO participates in the Project for Ecosystem Management in the Odzala-Kokoua Periphery area (PROGEP-PNOK); in our Forest management unit "UFA Ngombé", in partnership with WCS, the Government of Congo, and the local communities. The project conducts sustainable wildlife management and anti-poaching activities. IFO also contributes to a local development fund and other development activities.

The 2016 budget for the contribution of IFO to the PROGEP-PNOK Project and to the local development fund was USD **250'000**, an amount we expect to maintain over the course of the next five years, or a total amount of USD **1'250'000**.

Yours Sincerely,

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