



**THE BAHAMAS ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION
Ministry of The Environment**

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Subject: Endorsement for Country Activities under the joint UNDP-UNEP global umbrella project 'Towards 2010 Biodiversity Targets' "Support to GEF Eligible CBD Parties for carrying out 2010 Biodiversity Targets National Assessments"

As GEF Operational Focal Point for The Commonwealth of The Bahamas, I confirm that the above request for funding is in accordance with the Bahamas government's national priorities and the commitments made by The Commonwealth of The Bahamas under the Convention on Biodiversity. Further the project has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the Convention's focal points in the Commonwealth, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the current request for funding under the Global Umbrella Project 'Towards 2010 Biodiversity Targets' with the support of UNDP and UNEP, which are jointly implementing the project. If approved, activities at national level described in the enclosed Country Request Form will be implemented by The Bahamas Environment, Science & Technology Commission. Further, I request UNDP and UNEP to avail a copy of the country request and this letter to the GEF Secretariat, as well as to other project partners as applicable.

I understand that the total GEF financing being requested for this project is \$20,000.00, exclusive of Agency fee (10%) to UNDP for project cycle management services associated with this project.

It is also understood that specifically for the mentioned umbrella project and as an additional eligibility criterion, the GEF requires that countries must have completed their third national report and/or NBSAP – if they received GEF funding for the same – before requesting funding under this project.

Sincerely,

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