Global Environment Facility

April 9, 2008

Ms. Maryam Niamir-Fuller
GEF Executive Coordinator
United Nations Environmental Programme
Nairobi-Kenya

Mr. Edward Clarence-Smith
GEF Coordinator
United Nations Industrial Development
Organization
Vienna International Centre
A-1400 Vienna, Austria

Dear Ms. Niamir-Fuller and Mr. Clarence-Smith:

I am pleased to inform you that I am endorsing the project proposal entitled *Regional (Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Serbia and Montenegro, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, Algeria): Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean Large Marine Ecosystem-Regional Component: Implementation of Agreed Actions for the Protection of the Environment Resources of the Mediterranean Sea and its Coastal Areas*, for $12,891,000 in financing from the GEF Trust Fund (GEFTF) and broken down as follows: UNEP-$11,891,000; UNIDO-$1,000,000. I understand that this project proposal will be submitted for Agency approval in accordance with the UNEP and UNIDO procedures. I note that a project preparation grant (PPG) of $700,000 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 $13,591,000.

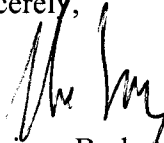I am endorsing this project on the understanding that the project will meet the following milestones:

(i)   The grant agreement will be signed no later than June 2008;
(ii)   A report on the status of the project at mid-term will be submitted to the Secretariat no later than September 2010; and
(iii)   The closing date of the project grant will be no later than August 2013 and a terminal evaluation/project completion report will be submitted to the 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 this understanding.

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

Sincerely,

Monique Barbut
Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson

Attachment: GEF Tracking Sheet
               GEFSEC Review Sheet

Copy to: Country Operational Focal Point
               GEF Agencies
               STAP
               Trustee

GEFID 2600-Regional (Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Serbia and Montenegro, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, Algeria): Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean Large Marine Ecosystem-Regional Component: Implementation of Agreed Actions for the Protection of the Environment Resources of the Mediterranean Sea and its Coastal Areas

International Waters
OP 9,2

GEFSEC Project Tracking System
Project Clearance/Approval

PMIS Project ID : 2600
UNEP

Regional (Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Serbia and Montenegro, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, Algeria) : Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean Large Marine Ecosystem--Regional Component: Implementation of agreed actions for the protection of the environmental resources of the Mediterranean Sea and its coastal areas

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Pipeline Entry

Program Manager	Recommendation	Andrea Merla 12/03/04
Team leader	Clearance	Moctar Toure 12/6/04
CEO	Approval	Leonard Good 12/21/04

PDF B $0.700 $2.701

Program Manager	Recommendation	Andrea Merla 9/30/05
Team leader	Clearance	Moctar Toure
CEO	Approval	Leonard Good 10/3/05

Work Program Inclusion $13.591 $43.198
$1.223

Program Manager	Recommendation	Andrea Merla 05/8/07
Team leader	Clearance	Alfred M. Duda 05/9/07
CEO	Approval	Monique Barbut

Council Approval

Need to circulate to Council for	>second review prior to CEO endorsement (4 weeks review period)	X Yes
	>CEO endorsement (second review waived)	☐ Yes

Program Manager	Recommendation	Ivan Zavadsky 03/10/08
Team leader	Clearance	Gustavo Fonseca 3-10-08

Endorsement w/o PDF $12.891 $49.439

Program Manager	Recommendation	Ivan Zavadsky / Andrea Merla 04/9/08
Team leader	Clearance	Gustavo Fonseca 4-8-08
CEO	Approval	Monique Barbut

Final Approval

Implementing Agency	Approval

Cummulative GEF Contribution