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Dear Council Member,

Further to my letter of February 20, 2004, I am writing to inform you that the Council has approved by mail the proposed work program, subject to the following qualifications:

- (a) one Council Member requested that the following projects be circulated to the Council for review prior to CEO endorsement:
 - (i) Regional: Building the Inter-American Biodiversity Network (IABIN);
 - (ii) Senegal: Integrated Marine and Coastal Resource Management;
 - (iii) Pakistan: Commercialization of Wind Power Production;
 - (iv) Tajikistan: Community Watershed Development; and
 - (v) Regional (Botswana, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Mozambique): Groundwater and Drought Management in SADC.

- (b) one Council Member requested that the following projects be postponed for consideration until the May 2004 Council meeting to address significant policy issues that warrant Council discussion:
 - (i) Botswana: Renewable Energy-based Electrification Program; and
 - (ii) Regional (Indonesia, Philippines): Marine Aquarium Market Transformation Initiative (MAMTI).

The approved decision therefore reads:

The Council reviewed the proposed work program posted on February 20, 2004, and approves it subject to the comments of Council Members received by the Secretariat, and with the exception of the project proposals, "Botswana: Renewable Energy-based Electrification Program" and "Regional (Indonesia, Philippines): Marine Aquarium Market Transformation Initiative (MAMTI)." These two project proposals will be deferred for consideration by the Council until its meeting in May 2004.

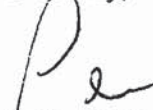
The Council finds that, with the exception of the project proposals:

- (a) Regional: Building the Inter-American Biodiversity Network (IABIN);*
- (b) Senegal: Integrated Marine and Coastal Resource Management;*
- (c) Pakistan: Commercialization of Wind Power Production;*
- (d) Tajikistan: Community Watershed Development; and*
- (e) Regional (Botswana, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Mozambique): Groundwater and Drought Management in SADC*

each project presented to it as part of the work program: (i) is or would be consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures, and (ii) may be endorsed by the CEO for final approval by the Implementing Agency, provided that the CEO circulates to the Council Members, prior to endorsement, draft final project documents fully incorporating the Council's comments on the work program accompanied by a satisfactory explanation by the CEO of how such comments and comments of the STAP reviewer have been addressed and a confirmation by the CEO that the project continues to be consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures.

With respect to each of the projects listed in the paragraph above, the Council requests the Secretariat to arrange for Council Members to receive the draft final project document with a view to allowing them to transmit to the CEO within four weeks any concerns they may have prior to the CEO endorsing the project document for final approval by the Implementing Agency. The project may be reviewed at a subsequent Council meeting at the request of at least four Council Members.

Sincerely,



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CEO and Chairman

c.c: Alternates and all those invited to Council meetings