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Prime Minister's Office
Water Resources and Environment Administration (WREA)

Vientiane Capital City, September 19, 2007

To: Mr. Yannick Glemarec,
UNDP/GEF Executive Coordinator

Subject: **Endorsement Letter for GEF-financial project entitled "Mainstreaming Agricultural biodiversity in Lao PDR's Agriculture Policies, Plans and Programmes"**

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for the Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR), I confirm that the above project proposal (a) is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitments made by Lao PDR under the relevant global environmental conventions and (b) has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the global environmental convention focal points, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the preparation of the above project proposal with the support of UNDP/GEF and FAO. If approved, the proposal will be prepared and implemented by the National Agriculture and Forestry Research Institute (NAFRI), Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF). Further, I request UNDP/GEF to provide a copy of the project document for reendorsement before it is submitted to the GEF Secretariat for CEO endorsement.

I understand that the total GEF financing being requested for this project is$2,590,000, inclusive of project preparation grant (PPG), if any, and Agency fee (10%) to UNDP and FAO for project cycle management services associated with this project.

I consent to the utilization of the following indicative allocations available to Lao PDR in GEF-4 under the GEF Resource Allocation Framework to cover the GEF project preparation and implementation as well as the associated Agency fees for this project.

Climate Change: $ Biodiversity (RAF/GEF-4): $2,590,000

Sincerely,

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