



Global Environment Facility

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Dear Council Member,

I am writing in reference to my letter of August 2, 2007, under cover of which we circulated for Council review and approval the July Intersessional Work Program.

I am pleased to inform you that the Council has approved by mail the proposed work program.

The approved decision reads:

The Council reviewed the proposed work program posted on August 2, 2007, and approves the work program comprising the following projects, subject to the comments submitted to the Secretariat by August 30, 2007:

Biodiversity

- 1. Regional (India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand): Conservation and Sustainable Use of Cultivated and Wild Tropical Fruit Diversity: Promoting Sustainable Livelihoods, Food Security and Ecosystem Services (UNEP) (GEF Grant: \$3.65 m)*
- 2. China: Ningxia Integrated Ecosystem and Agricultural Development Project (ADB) (GEF Grant: \$5.00 m)*

International Waters


- 3. Regional (Burundi, Congo DR, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda)¹: Nile Transboundary Environmental Action Project, Phase II (UNDP) (GEF Grant: \$6.7 m)*
- 4. Regional (Cape Verde, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Mauritania, Morocco, Senegal): Protection of the Canary Current Large Marine Ecosystem (LME) (UNEP/FAO) (GEF Grant: \$8.09 m)*
- 5. Mexico: Integrated Assessment and Management of the Gulf of Mexico Large Marine Ecosystem (UNIDO) (GEF Grant: \$4.503 m)*

¹ The Council Member representing the United States, in light of national legislation regarding its country's voting position for development projects financed by certain development institutions, opposed the project proposal, "Regional (Burundi, Congo DR, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda): Nile Transboundary Environmental Action Project (NTEAP), Phase 2"

The Council finds that 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.

Sincerely,



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cc: Alternates, all those invited to Council meetings