Phnom Penh, July 26, 2004

Mr. Michael Carroll
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Reference: Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund

Dear Mr. Carroll,

As the GEF Focal Point for the Royal Government of Cambodia, I would like to inform you that I endorse the investment strategy outlined in the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) Ecosystem Profile for the Indochina Region of the Indo-Burma Hotspot, and the provision of grants to non-governmental and private sector organizations for projects and activities that fulfill the programmatic objectives outlined therein. We are aware that information relative to all specific projects can be accessed on the CEPF web site at www.cepf.net, and we look forward to receiving annual listings of projects and activities conducted within the Kingdom of Cambodia.

We understand that each of the donors (Conservation International, the Global Environment Facility, the Government of Japan, the MacArthur Foundation, and the World Bank) has provided equal funding to the CEPF initiative.

In providing this endorsement, we confirm that the Ecosystem Profile for the Indochina Region of the Indo-Burma Hotspot has been shared with the officials responsible for the Convention on Biological Diversity, and has undergone review in our country. We note that it will be submitted for further review and approval by the CEPF Donor Council, and that provision of funding for activities outlined in the Ecosystem Profile will be contingent upon approval by the CEPF Donor Council. We agree that the ecosystem profile may be made publicly available after review and approval by the Donor Council.

Yours sincerely,

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Subject: GEF National Focal Point Endorsement: strategic programmatic directions in the Ecosystem Profile for the Indo-Burma Biodiversity Hotspot - Indochina Region.

Dear Mr. Steve Gorman,

I would like to inform you of the endorsement by the GEF Vietnam of the strategic programmatic directions outlined in the profile entitled “Ecosystem Profile for Indo-Burma Biodiversity Hotspot - Indochina Region”.

The mentioned strategic directions are consistent with our government priorities in biodiversity conservation and the proposed CEPI investment priorities will complement our efforts in achieving conservation goals.

GEF Vietnam therefore strongly recommends the GEF and the World Bank to support this profile.

Yours sincerely,

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