The Minister

To: Ms. Andrea Kutter
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Subject: Endorsement of the CEPF Ecosystem Profile for the Guinean Forests of West Africa biodiversity hotspot.

Dear Ms. Kutter:

As the GEF Focal Ministry for the Government of Cameroon, I endorse the investment strategy outlined in the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) Ecosystem Profile for the Guinean Forests of West Africa Biodiversity Hotspot, and the provision of grants to nongovernment and private sector organizations for projects and activities that fulfil the programmatic objectives outlined therein.

We understand that each of the CEPF donor partners (Conservation International, l'Agence Française de Développement, the Global Environment Facility, the Government of Japan, the MacArthur Foundation, the European Union, and the World Bank) has committed funding to the CEPF initiative and that each of these donors supports the Ecosystem Profile. We also understand that CEPF has made the Ecosystem Profile publicly available.

In providing this endorsement, we confirm that the Ecosystem Profile for the Guinean Forests of West Africa Biodiversity Hotspot is in line with our commitments under the Convention on Biological Diversity. We note that provision of funding for activities outlined in the ecosystem profile was approved by the CEPF Donor Council.

Sincerely,

CC: Peggy Poncelet,
CEPF Grant Director

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