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Subject: GEF Operational Focal Point for Côte d’Ivoire endorsement of the CEPF Ecosystem Profile for the Guinean Forests of West Africa Biodiversity Hotspot

Dear Ms. Kutter,

As the Global Environment Facility Operational Focal Point for the Government of Côte d’Ivoire, I endorse the investment strategy outlined in the 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 fulfill the programmatic objectives outlined therein.

We understand that each of the CEPF donor partners (Global Environment Facility, l’Agence Française de Développement, Conservation International, the European Union, the Government of Japan, the MacArthur Foundation, 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 is in line with our commitments under the Convention on Biological Diversity.

Yours sincerely,

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