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Subject: GEF National Focal Point Endorsement: WB-GEF PDF-B Proposal: Program Partnership for Sustainable Forest Land Management: Phase 1.

Dear Mr. Steve Gorman,

On behalf of GEF-Vietnam, I support the PDF-B proposal of the project entitled "Program Partnership for Sustainable Forest Land Management: Phase 1".

This proposed project would respond to Viet Nam's land degradation action priority. The project also helps Viet Nam implement commitments under the Convention of Biodiversity, the UN Convention of Climate Change and the UN Convention to Combat Desertification.

The proposed PDF-B grant is intended for completing four major activities which are very necessary for the preparation of the Phase 1 project implementation. Detailed activities and outcomes and financial plans are designed rationally.

We therefore strongly recommend GEF to support to this proposal.

Yours sincerely,

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