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Dear Ms. Cooney

Subject: Endorsement for Strategies for Fisheries Bycatch Management

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Papua New Guinea I confirm that the above project proposal (a) is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitments made by Papua New Guinea under the relevant global environmental conventions and (b) has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the global environmental convention focal points, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the preparation of the above project proposal with the support of FAO. If approved, the proposal will be prepared and implemented by National Fisheries Authority. Further, I request FAO to provide a copy of the project document for information before it is submitted to the GEF Secretariat for CEO endorsement.

I understand that the total GEF financing being requested for this project is \$US3,465,000, inclusive of project preparation grant (PPG), if any, and Agency fee (10%) to FAO for project cycle management services associated with this project.

Sincerely,

Dr. Wari Iamo
Secretary

Copy: Managing Director -National Fisheries Authority