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Reference: Endorsement letter for the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund

Dear Dr. Kutter,

As the GEF Focal point for the government of Bosnia and Herzegovina, we have reviewed the following document "*Ecosystem Profile for the Mediterranean Basin*", which defines the following strategic directions (SD):

- SD1: Support civil society to engage stakeholders in demonstrating integrated approaches for the preservation of biodiversity in coastal areas;
- SD2: Support the sustainable management of water catchments through integrated approaches for the conservation of threatened freshwater biodiversity;
- SD3: Promote the maintenance of traditional land use practices necessary for the conservation of Mediterranean biodiversity in priority corridors of high cultural and biodiversity value;
- SD4: Strengthen the engagement of civil society to support conservation of plants that are critically endangered or have highly restricted ranges;
- SD5: Strengthen the regional conservation community through the sharing of best practices and knowledge among grantees across the hotspot;
- SD6: Provide strategic leadership and effective coordination of CEPF investment through a Regional Implementation Team.

As the GEF Political Focal Point and GEF Political perational Point for Bosnia and Herzegovina, We endorse the investment strategy outlined in the Critical Ecosystem

Partnership Fund (CEPF) Ecosystem Profile for the Mediterranean Basin 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 (Conservation International, l'Agence Française de Développement, the European Union, the Global Environment Facility, 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.

Sincerely,

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GEF Operational Focal Point

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