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Subject: Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund / Endorsement

As the GEF Operational Focal Point for Morocco, I 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.

By providing this endorsement, I confirm that the Ecosystem Profile for the Mediterranean Basin Biodiversity Hotspot has been shared with the officials responsible for the Convention on Biological Diversity, and has undergone review in our country.

I understand that each of the CEPF donor partners (Conservation International, "l'Agence Française de Développement", GEF, the Government of Japan, the MacArthur Foundation, and the World Bank) has committed funding to the CEPF initiative.

I note that provision of funding for activities outlined in the ecosystem profile will be contingent upon approval by the CEPF Donor Council and that the ecosystem profile will be made publicly available.

To ensure coherence with national strategies and plans related to biodiversity conservation, the projects proposed for Morocco, will be submitted for GEF Operational Focal Point review, before its submission for the CEPF Donor Council approval.

Sincerely,

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