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Dear Ms. Sobrevilla

Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund

As the Global Environmental Facility GEF Focal Point for the Government of Barbados, I endorse the investment strategy outlined in the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) Ecosystem Profile for the Caribbean Islands Biodiversity Hotspot, and the provision of grants to Non-Government 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 De'veloppement, GEF, the Government of Japan, the MacArthur Foundation, and the World Bank) has committed funding to the CEPF initiative.

In providing this endorsement, we confirm that the Ecosystem Profile for the Caribbean Islands Hotspot has been shared with the officials responsibility for the Convention on Biological Diversity, and has undergone review in our country. We understand that the ecosystem profile is publicly available.

Yours Sincerely

Steve Devonish
Director
Natural Heritage Department

c.c. CEPF Executive Director

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