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Dear Ms. Hickie:

As the GEF Focal Point for the Government of Antigua and Barbuda, 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 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, 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 responsible for the Convention on Biological Diversity,

and has undergone review in our country. We understand that the ecosystem profile is publicly available.

Sincerest Regards,

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