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Ms. Valerie Hickey
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Subject: *Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund*

Dear Ms. Hickey,

As the GEF Operational Focal Point for the Government of **St. Vincent and the Grenadines**, I endorse the investment strategy outlined in the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) Caribbean Island Biodiversity Hotspot, and the provision of grants to nongovernmental and private sector organizations for projects and activities that fulfil the programmatic objectives outlined therein.

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

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

Sincerely,



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