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**To :** **Ms. Barbara Cooney**  
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**Subject: Endorsement for Project “Strategies for Fisheries Bycatch Management”**

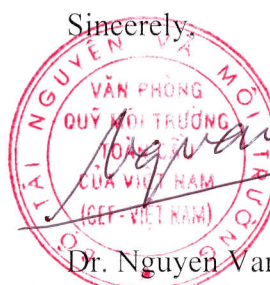
Dear Ms. Barbara Cooney,

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, I confirm that the above project proposal (a) is in accordance with the government’s national priorities and the commitments made by the Socialist Republic of Vietnam under the relevant global environmental conventions and (b) has been discussed with the relevant stakeholders, including the global environmental convention focal points, in accordance with GEF’s policy on public involvement.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the preparation of the above project proposal with the support of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). If approved, the proposal will be prepared and implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Vietnam (MARD). Further, I request FAO to provide a copy of the project document for information/re-endorsement before it is submitted to the GEF Secretariat for CEO endorsement.

I understand that the total GEF financing being requested for this project is US\$ 3,465,000, inclusive for project preparation grant (PPG), if any, and Agency fee (10%) to FAO for project cycle management services associated with this project.

Sincerely,

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