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The Director General  
Department of External Resources  
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Dear Sir

**Obtaining the Approval of the Department of External Resources for the Relevant Project Board  
Decisions Arrived at the PB Meeting Held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
Climate Resilient Integrated Water Management Project (CRIWMP) under the Ministry of Irrigation**

1) The Project Board Meeting of the Climate Resilient Integrated Water Management Project was held as scheduled on 5th April 2022 and this refers to the decisions arrived at this session for the benefit and the smooth operation of the Project in order to carry out its activities for the Year 2022. A signed True Copy of the Minutes of the Project Board Meeting is also attached herewith as Attachment 1 for your reference. Considering the current situation of the Project and the facts presented at the said Project Board Meeting, the Ministry of Irrigation wishes to bring up the following specific decisions among the other decisions that were agreed upon and adopted, for your urgent attention and favourable action, please.

2) It is essential to state that the limited implementation support extended by the UNDP towards the Project activities is very imperative in speeding up such activities. According to the Department of National Planning and guidance given by the Financial and Planning Experts of the Government, if the Executing Entity allows the UNDP the provision of implementing more than 10% of Project activities out of the total Project activities, the approval of the Department of National Planning should be obtained in such instances. Thus, the intended Project activities planned to be executed by the UNDP for the Year 2022 as per the Annual Work Plan - Year 2022 are below 10% of total Project activities, the Project Board has granted approval for the proposed activities be performed by the UNDP for the year 2022.

Accordingly,

- a) The Project Board Approval has been granted for the CRIWMP Annual Work Plan for the Year 2022 (A summary of the Approved AWP - Year 2022 is attached herewith for your perusal).

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- b) UNDP CO reported the Project Board that as per the financial procedures of their organization there are difficulties in obtaining the funds back from the General Treasury in order to implement the Project activities that have been requested to be carried out by them.
- 3) The Project Board considering the said difficulties in (b) above pertaining to the UNDP financial system procedures arrived at a decision to request an approval from the Department of External Resources (ERD) for the UNDP to retain the GCF funds equivalent to the value of the proposed Project activities implemented by the UNDP - which are below 10% of the total Project activities as per the approved AWP- Year 2022.
- 4) In the above context, the Ministry of Irrigation wishes to convey you that it has no objection on the decision stated in Para (3) above, as it is essential to resolve this matter in the most appropriated way by focusing on obtaining the GCF Funds for smooth operation of the Project activities. Therefore, in referring to the directives issued by the ERD Circular dated 31.01.2022, the Ministry of Irrigation is seeking the approval of Ministry of Finance in this regard and anticipating the necessary directives from Department of External Resources.
- 5) Accordingly, the Ministry of Irrigation is appreciated if you could issue the letters stated below enabling the CRIWM Project to continue its Project activities as planned for the Year 2022 and onwards:
- I. A letter addressed to the Ministry of Irrigation informing of your approval that the UNDP is allowed to retain the GCF Fund value equivalent to the Project activities implemented by the UNDP as per the AWP - Year 2022 which is below 10% of the total Project activities with co-financing assistance from the General Treasury;
  - II. A Written directive to be issued to the National Designated Authority, Ministry of Environment informing of the above approval paving the way for the NDA to issue the Confirmation letter on Co-financing to the GCF pertaining to the CRIWMP.

This approval is urgently needed to cover the costs associated with this year's UNDP implementation support. Therefore, your urgent attention in this regard is greatly appreciated.

Thank you

Yours faithfully



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  6. Project Director, CRIWMP