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Subject: Collaboration with Green Climate Fund (GCF) project titled “Strengthening the resilience of smallholder agriculture to climate change-induced water insecurity in the Central Highlands and South-Central Coast regions of Vietnam”

Dear Mr. Malhotra:

We would like to express our thanks to UNDP for the continuous cooperation and preparation of the proposal for the Green Climate Fund (GCF) project titled “Strengthening the resilience of smallholder agriculture to climate change-induced water insecurity in the Central Highlands and South-Central Coast regions of Vietnam”. We understand that this proposal has been submitted to the GCF for consideration.

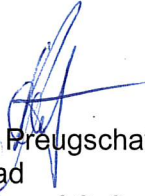
In this regard, we would like to confirm that the Asian Development Bank (ADB), in partnership with the Government of Vietnam (GoV), is undertaking a USD 124,260,000 project titled “Water efficiency improvement in drought-affected areas (WEIDAP)” that is comprised of three components: (i) strengthen irrigation management services; (ii) develop modern irrigation infrastructure; and (iii) support efficient on-farm water management practices. The WEIDAP project is expected to start in the first quarter of 2019 and to be completed by June 30, 2026.

We appreciate that the aforementioned GCF project is being co-designed to complement component (ii) of the WEIDAP project investments of USD 121,650,000 (includes ADB and GoV financing) that would be utilized for developing modern irrigation infrastructure to support smallholder farmers in the drought prone areas. We further confirm that, of these investments, ADB shall be funding a total of USD \$99,590,000 through a concessional loan from its ordinary capital resources extended to the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.

The Asian Development Bank, through its investment in the WEIDAP project, is pleased to collaborate with the aforementioned GCF-funded project to implement complementary activities over the 6-year project implementation period of 2019-2026.

We look forward to a continuous collaboration and a seamless coordination between the ADB and UNDP, on the complementary activities defined in the aforementioned Green Climate Fund proposal and the WEIDAP project.

Your sincerely,



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