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His Excellency  
Vasile Tarlev  
Prime Minister  
Republic of Moldova  
Chisinau, Moldova

Your Excellency:

*Re: Bank Assistance in preparing an afforestation project in Moldova*

Thank you for your letter dated February 5, 2002, to Mr. Grawe requesting World Bank assistance in preparing an afforestation project in Moldova.

We are pleased that the Prototype Carbon Fund (PCF) enables the Bank to help client countries mitigate climate change and demonstrate the possibilities of public-private partnerships in this area, and offer a "learning-by-doing" opportunity to its stakeholders.

Among the activities supported by the Fund are carbon sequestration measures including forestry. The development of an afforestation project in Moldova on degraded agricultural land represents one of these kinds of activities and fits well with the goals of the PCF. We understand that afforestation represents a high priority for Moldova. This has been emphasized in several documents, including the Concept of Environmental Policy in Moldova (December 2001), the Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (April 2001), and the Strategy for Sustainable Forestry (June 2001).

We are pleased to inform you that the Bank stands ready to assist your Government in preparing this project through the Prototype Carbon Fund facility.

We have designated Mr. Arcadie Capcelea, Lead Environment Specialist, to coordinate our assistance in this effort. In cooperation with your Government, local consultants, and our carbon fund specialist Mr. Benoit Bosquet, Mr. Capcelea will prepare a Project Concept Note which could be presented at the next PCF council meeting in June 2002.

We look forward to a fruitful cooperation with you and your colleagues.

Sincerely,



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Acting Country Director

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