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Subject: Commitment to support implementation of GCF project Strengthening Climate Information and Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems for Increased Resilience in Azerbaijan

Dear Jochem Zoetelief,

The UNEP-DHI Centre on Water and Environment (UNEP-DHI Centre) is a United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) centre of expertise. UNEP-DHI Centre is dedicated to supporting UNEP's work in helping national governments improve the management, development and use of their freshwater resources in the face of climate challenges. The UNEP-DHI Centre is hosted by DHI, an independent, not-for-profit, international advisory and research organization. DHI has more than 60 years of experience in water resources management and is represented by over 1,000 staff in more than 25 countries.

For this project, UNEP-DHI Centre will draw upon DHI's cutting edge hydrological and climatic modeling tools, which are globally recognized and used by governments and leading international organizations in many regions of the world. More specifically, UNEP-DHI Centre commits to support the implementation of this UNEP-led GCF project as one of the main implementing partners. UNEP-DHI Centre, in line with its mandate to support UNEP, also commits to remain available to support the national institutions in Azerbaijan who will be taking over operation and maintenance responsibilities for the hydrological information and decision support systems (DSS) provided by the project, for at least 5 years after project closure. This support includes, but may not be limited to, responding to trouble-shooting questions on the hydrological DSS operations, back-up support and other guidance relating to the technical operations and enhancements of these systems.

I look forward to UNEP-DHI Centre's engagement in the project and welcome the opportunity to further support the important work of UNEP in strengthening countries' capacities to respond to their climate change challenges.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Lloyd".

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