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The Honorable Miguel Ángel Rodríguez
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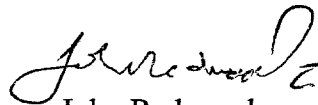
**RE: *GEF Regional - Building the Inter-American Biodiversity Information Network
Project - TF053526
GEF Trust Fund Grant Agreement Effectiveness***

Dear Mr. Secretary General:

I am pleased to notify you that the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (Bank) acting as an Implementing Agency of the Global Environment Facility accepts the evidence submitted in fulfillment of the conditions precedent to effectiveness of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund Grant Agreement (GEF Grant Agreement) dated July 15, 2004, between the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States and the Bank. Consequently, the GEF Grant Agreement becomes effective today October 4, 2004.

Please confirm the receipt of this letter.

Very truly yours,



John Redwood
Sector Director

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