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Comments from United Kingdom on the Approval by mail: Procedures for the Preparation of Independent Technical Reviews of FIP Investment Plans

Dear Patricia

The UK supports the principle of an independent quality review, to assist the country-led preparation process of a high quality investment plan, and approves the revised document "Procedures for the Preparation of Independent Technical Reviews of FIP Investment Plans".

We would be grateful if you could clarify the following points:

Why has it has been decided to draw reviewers from the roster of experts established by the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF)? Are we certain that this roster includes consultants with knowledge and experience of forestry investments?

Is paragraph 16 suggesting that the sub-committee would approve the terms of reference for every review, or for the proposed reviewers? We suggest the latter only, given that a model terms of reference, criteria and guidance are already included in this document, which should negate the need to return to the sub-committee for approval of the terms of reference for each review.

Best regards

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