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Comments from UK--Approval by Mail: SREP Mali: Project for Scaling up Renewable Energy in Mali (PAPERM) (AfDB)

Dear Mafalda,

Thank you for sending the technical assistance project proposal entitled, Mali: Project for Scaling Up Renewable Energy in Mali (PAPERM), submitted by the Government of Mali and the African Development Bank (AfDB) for review and approval of an SREP allocation of USD 1.5 million in grant funding.

We welcome this initiative from the AfDB and Government of Mali, and are content to approve. However, we would like the following points to be taken into consideration in the implementation:

- The security situation in Mali remains a concern and forms a barrier to investment. In this context the SREP programme should incorporate conflict analysis in terms of how support may be affected by, relate to, or potentially contribute to, fragility or conflict.
- We suggest that the AfDB consider a contingency or back up plan if the recipient-executed activities can't be completed in the case of increasing insecurity or breakdowns in governance.
- We also ask the AfDB to encourage the Govt. of Mali to build strong coordination across its ministries to ensure this programme is well joined up with other measures in place to support resilience and climate change.

Best regards
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