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**Comments from the United Kingdom on Approval by Mail: Revised CTF
Investment Plan for the Philippines and the Energy Efficient Electric Vehicles
Project**

Dear Patricia,

The UK is pleased to see that progress has been made on the reallocation of funds in the Philippines Investment Plan and would like to thank the project team for the additional work that has gone into the revision. In particular, we are pleased to see that some of the suggestions made during the consultations with stakeholders have been integrated into the revised Investment Plan and the Energy Efficient Electric Vehicles project.

We are also aware of the recent letter circulated by the developed country CSO observer regarding the revised investment plan. It raises a number of important questions and a response from the project team on the points made in the letter would have help to clarify these issues for many of the stakeholders, including members of the Trust Fund Committee.

In addition to these questions we have a couple of additional requests, including:

- On page 8 mention is made of the number of jobs that could be created through the project. It is clear that a significant number of people will be impacted through the creation of this new industry. This is a positive developmental outcome which is not picked up in the monitoring framework. We believe this is an import aspect of the project that ought to be included in the monitoring framework. We believe it ought to be disaggregated, ideally by sector, gender and skill level. We would like to see this monitored and request that the project team set out a clear methodology for tracking the developmental impact of the project, together with robust baselines.
- In what others ways will the poor be impacted? Will the lower costs to drivers due to lower fuel bills be passed onto passengers or will the drivers be the sole beneficiaries of these lower costs? How could this be monitored?

Kind regards.

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