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Approval by mail: Dedicated Private Sector Programs (DPSP) II - Utility Scale Renewable Energy: Geothermal - Sustainable Energy Facility (SEF) for the Eastern Caribbean (IDB) CTF – Comment from the US

Dear CIF Administrative Unit,

Thank you for the opportunity to review the proposal for the Sustainable Energy Facility for the Eastern Caribbean. The progress that the CTF has made with the DPSP Geothermal Programs is very encouraging and we think this proposal is the type of activity that CTF should be pursuing. We are happy to approve the proposal at this stage. We note, however, that any Category A subprojects that come forward for MDB-board approval will be subject to the environmental and social impact review process that we use for all projects, and we may have to abstain on any that do not meet our standards. This will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

We also note that on 01/18/2015, the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development granted $15 million to assist St. Vincent and the Grenadines in developing a 10 to 15 MW geothermal project. In addition, last fall, the EU granted $10.3 million to Dominica to help it jump-start geothermal project development as well. In light of these transactions, we request that the IDB factor existing grants into their upcoming project funding decisions. Thank you again.

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