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FOREST INVESTMENT PROGRAM (FIP)

WORKING GROUP ON SUB-SECTION 16(d): INCLUSIVE PROCESSES

FACILITATOR'S SUMMARY

The Working Group included representatives of Australia, Brazil, Ghana, the United States of America, Aliansi Masyarakat Adat Nusantara, Coordinadora de las Organizaciones Indígenas de la Cuenca Amazónica and the International Alliance of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples of Tropical Forests (which participated in the seat of, and at the request of, the Global Forest Coalition). The work of the group was supported by the staff of the Administrative Unit and the Co-Chairs.

The group held two meetings, on May 21, 2009 in New York and on June 12, 2009 in Frankfurt. In addition, members of the group contributed to the process through active consultations between meetings. The meetings included a full dialogue on the priorities and concerns of all parties, and considered a range of options for addressing them.

After considerable discussion, the group created a three-part proposal for the FIP Design Document, comprising: (1) overarching language for Section 16(d) of the Design Document; (2) a series of practical guidelines for FIP engagement with indigenous peoples and local communities, proposed as a new Annex III to the Design Document; and (3) additional background language for Section I, paragraph 6 of the Design Document. This three-part proposal, which the group worked through with close attention to both overall composition and detailed text, represents a balanced package that is closely tailored to the needs of the FIP design process in a manner that enabled the group to achieve consensus.

The members of the Working Group recognized that the consensus reflected in the group's proposed language is a step in what needs to be an ongoing process of engagement. The dedicated initiative outlined in Section X of the draft Design Document is an example of a forum where further progress can be made on relevant topics. In this spirit, the facilitator wishes to thank the members of the Working Group for their dedicated engagement, their flexibility in working to consensus and their commitment to ongoing dialogue.

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