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**Ms. Patricia Bliss-Guest**

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Dear Ms. Bliss-Guest,

We would like to request CIF Administrative Unit to help us organize a Scoping Mission in order to advance the process of preparation of the Brazilian Investment Strategy for the Forest Investment Program (FIP).

For your information, the Brazilian Government has initiated the consolidation of relevant national environmental policies and the discussion of preliminary areas for program and project development. These may include: (i) strengthening of institutions, regulation and enforcement regarding forests; (ii) consolidation of the National System on Forest Information and the National Forest Management Portal; (iii) National Forest Inventory for *Cerrado* and *Caatinga*; (iv) environmental registries of rural properties; and (v) consolidation of the institutional arrangements required to implement community forest management plans.

Considering the agenda of Brazilian authorities, we propose that the Mission take place on the week of May 24, 2011. We would appreciate an indication of whether this proposed date is agreeable to CIF Administrative Unit and MDBs representatives. Please forward a copy of your response to Ms. Ludmila Silva ([ludmila.silva@fazenda.gov.br](mailto:ludmila.silva@fazenda.gov.br)) and to Mr. Artur Lacerda ([artur.lacerda@fazenda.gov.br](mailto:artur.lacerda@fazenda.gov.br)).

Yours sincerely,

  
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