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Comments from the United Kingdom on the SREP Investment Plan for Tanzania

Dear Patricia,

We would like to express our thanks to the Government of Tanzania and the MDBs for their responses to the questions raised on the SREP Tanzania Investment Plan. We have noted these responses and look forward to their implementation in the project proposals brought forward. We are content on this basis to approve the Investment Plan with the following clarifications on our comments, which do not require a response at this stage:

- Thank you for the clarifications on the MDB staffing questions in Dar. We are of course aware of the existing MDB staff in Dar and have extremely high regard for their work. Our concern was regarding the wide scope of work they have to cover and ensuring an appropriate level of focus on the particular demands of the SREP programme. In this respect, we thank IFC for their commitment to recruit a team member to be based in Dar to lead on their component of the RERE project.

- With regards to the results framework and energy access figures, while the IED Electrification Prospectus is of course a key document - we feel it remains important that SREP should have an agreed indicator definition and methodology for energy access applied across all projects brought forward. This supports comparability in terms of value for money, as well as increases confidence that real and verifiable access and development benefits will be achieved.

Best wishes,
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