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Comments from United Kingdom on the Approval by Mail: International Reference Group Proposal

Dear Patricia,

Many thanks to you and to the Evaluation Oversight Committee for their work in putting together such a distinguished International Reference Group. It was also very welcome to see that the EOC had managed to put together a IRG with a balance of gender and experience in a variety of climate change themes and of course with development experience. We would be happy to endorse this IRG as it stands.

However, given the comments from Brazil below a few further comments to help move this decision forward:

- It is important to get the International Reference Group in place as soon as possible. Putting together the IRG has already been delayed beyond the intention to have this place at the start of November. There is a risk that any further significant delays are either likely to hold up the evaluation or possibly reduce the credibility of the evaluation to a wider audience.
- It is worth noting that the IRG (among other reasons) is to be put in place (according to the approach paper) “to assist in making connections to a range of stakeholder views” – as such while it was set up to have a balanced developed/developing country balance it can’t reproduce the country representation of the TFC, but it certainly should ensure the views from the significant and important stakeholder groups in Latin America and Africa are being taking on board.
- However the approach paper also allowed for 4-6 members, so to help resolve this issue there is a possibility that 1 or 2 additional members could be added as long as they meet the criteria as set out in the approach paper for IRG membership.
- The UK would be happy to take part in an informal teleconference to help resolve any issues with Brazil, the EOC and any other interested TFC members.

Regards,

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