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Response of CIF AU to Switzerland on Approval by Mail: Procedures for Allocating SREP Resources on a Competitive Basis from a Set Aside

Dear Daniel,

Thank you for your comments on the SREP set aside procedures. We have received several other comments and we will revise the paper to reflect these comments. Responses to your specific questions are provided below:

1. "Additional funding" in para. 14 refers to the scenario when the sub-committee may agree in the future that the set aside has produced successful results and they may decide that it should continue beyond the current amount of $USD 90 million.

2. Yes, the UK has already contributed additional 25 million pounds to the set-aside, and the set-aside is now $90 million (the amount fluctuates based on the exchange rate).

3. Regarding rule (b) of no more than three programs/projects and maximum of one program/project per country, it came from a prior decision by the Sub-Committee when the set-aside was $50 million. Since the set-aside has since increased to $90 million, that rule does not seem to apply (strictly) any more.

4. You will recall that the issue of equal treatment of new and old pilot countries was discussed at the Sub-Committee last November, and it was agreed that only the first six pilot countries are eligible to compete for the set-aside (now $90 million). Beyond that agreement, it will be necessary to come back to the sub-committee for further discussion.

Hope this answers your questions.

Best regards,

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