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Dear Ms. Bliss-Guest,
Dear Members of the PPCR-Sub-Committee,

Subject: Yemen Strategic Program for Climate Resilience (SPCR)

The Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (MOPIC), on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Yemen expresses its thanks to the Pilot Program for Climate Resilience (PPCR) Sub-Committee and the Climate Investment Fund Administrative Unit for their continuous support to the Pilot Program for Climate Resilience of Yemen.

In this regard we refer to the decision of the PPCR Sub-Committee at its meeting held on April 30, 2012, in relation to Yemen's Strategic Program for Climate Resilience (SPCR) in which the Sub-Committee provisionally endorsed the SPCR as a basis for the further development of project concepts 1 and 4, and reconfirmed its indicative allocation of USD 50 million in PPCR grant resources.4.

In reference to the invitation of the PPCR Sub-Committee to the Government of Yemen and the World Bank to provide revised project concepts for approval by mail, for the remaining USD 11 million in grant resources, it is my pleasure to submit the revised concept note, entitled, *"Pilot Scheme to Improve the Resilience of Rural Communities to Climate Change in Yemen"* for approval.

Allow me to ensure you, the concept has the full support of the Unity Government and has been developed in a comprehensive consultative process with all relevant stakeholders under the guidance of the Inter Ministerial Committee on Climate Change. The comprehensive consultation process allowed for strong participation of all stakeholders across all sectors throughout the country. In particular we would like to emphasis that extensive community-level consultations were at the heart of the preparation. I can confirm that we listened carefully to all the voices and integrated the pressing needs of the communities into the design. We look forward to the approval of the concept which will allow us to commence with the preparation and subsequent implementation.

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I would like to seize the opportunity to re-emphasize the full and strong commitment of the Government of Yemen to the PPCR process.

I am thanking all the national stakeholders for the support and input provided and for their unprecedented support to the PPCR.

I would also like to thank the donor community for their technical feedback provided which helped us to strengthen and finalize the attached concept note. .

Allow me to express my gratitude to the respected colleagues from the World Bank/IFC who went out of their way to provide technical support.
Finally, I want to remind you, that Yemen is most vulnerable to climate change. Climate change poses added burden for all of Yemen, with the poor and vulnerable populations unduly affected. The Unity Government is committed to recognize and address climate change. Therefore I would like to ask for the support of the donor community and the World Bank to mobilize additional resources to allow for the full funding of the SPCR.

We look forward to the approval of the attached concept by the PPCR Sub-Committee.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Mohammed Saed Al-Sadi

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