

April 20, 2010

DECISION-BY-MAIL - FIP Operational Guidelines

Dear colleague,

We are writing to request your **review and approval**, through a decision by mail, of the *FIP Operational Guidelines*.

You will recall that at the FIP Sub-Committee meeting on March 17, 2010, the Sub-Committee requested the CIF Administrative Unit to revise the *FIP Operational Guidelines*, document FIP/SC.3/3, taking into account the comments made during the meeting and written comments to be submitted to the Administrative Unit by March 26, 2010. The CIF Administrative Unit was requested to submit the revised paper to the Sub-Committee for approval through a decision-by-mail.

In particular, the Sub-Committee requested that the papers be revised to underscore that the FIP investment strategies should:

- a) emphasize that the development and implementation of such strategies should be based on existing REDD+ strategies and plans or other appropriate national strategies;
- b) be shared with the FCPF and UN-REDD;
- c) include MRV-based results;
- d) identify opportunities for collaboration with other interested national, bilateral and multilateral partners (including widening the scope of Annex C);
- e) highlight a clear link with the *Dedicated Grant Mechanism for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities*; and
- f) clarify the gender dimensions in FIP operations.

Consistent with the decision of FIP Sub-Committee, the CIF Administrative Unit, in consultation with the MDB Committee, has revised the *FIP Operational Guidelines* based on the comments made at the FIP Sub-Committee and written comments received from Sub-Committee Members from Denmark, Indonesia, Norway, United Kingdom and the United States, as well as comments received from African Development Bank, Greenpeace, NESDA-CA, UNDP, UN-REDD and WRI. The revised document is attached below for your review and approval.

The Sub-Committee is invited to approve the following decision:

The FIP Sub-Committee reviewed the revised document, *Operational Guidelines for Programming FIP Investments*, dated April 20, 2010, and approves the procedures and modalities described in the document as a basis for programming FIP- funded programs and projects. The FIP Sub-Committee requests the CIF Administrative Unit, in collaboration with the MDB Committee, to keep under review the implementation of these guidelines and to draw to the Sub-Committee's attention any suggested modifications that may facilitate the effective achievement of the objectives of the FIP.

If we do not receive any objection to the proposed decision by close of business on April 30, 2010, we will consider the decision to have been adopted and will confirm the final decision in writing.

Sincerely,

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