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Quito, D.M., 25 de noviembre de 2014

Asunto: Targeted Support Request to Support for the Implementation of a National Strategy and the Warsaw Framework for REDD+ in Ecuador

Mister
Mario Boccucci
Head
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En su Despacho

Dear Mario,

Since 2009, the Under Secretariat of Climate Change of the Ministry of Environment of Ecuador (MAE) has been leading the REDD+ readiness phase towards the implementation of results based activities in the context of results based finance, as agreed by Parties in relevant Decisions under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, which included the implementation of our UNREDD National Joint Programme, (NJP) approved by the UNREDD Policy Board on March 2011.

Ecuador has advanced in a significant manner in its readiness process for REDD+ implementation, and the UNREDD National Joint Programme (NJP) has played a key role in Ecuador's progress. The Ministry of Environment, with technical and financial support provided previously by the NJP as per its six expected outcomes, has implemented processes related to: awareness raising, information and capacity building at national and local level with key stakeholders; legal analysis development of preliminary legal/policy instruments for REDD+; studies and analysis on REDD+ costs based on the country's main drivers of deforestation, and; the definition of a national safeguards approach and a preliminary structure towards a system for providing information on how safeguards are being addressed and respected, among others.

That said, Ecuador is now in the position to complete the definition of its National Strategy and Action Plan for REDD+ implementation in the context of results-based payments, in order to effectively contribute to national efforts for reducing emissions from deforestation, while supporting broader national policies for sustainable development. It is important to highlight that the current NJP will deliver a first draft National REDD+ strategy by early 2015, which needs to be completed and implemented by mid 2015.

Also, Ecuador's current NJP will deliver a preliminary structure of Safeguard Information System, which requires to be put in place and implemented towards developing summaries of information as per decisions 9/CP.19 and 12/CP.19.





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In this regard, in the context of Document PB8/2012/INF/7 *'Procedures for Accessing UN-REDD Programme Targeted Support'*, as approved during the Programme's Eight Policy Board as a modality for *'small-scale, demand-driven, and technical or advisory in nature and to be provided to countries by the participating UN agencies in response to country needs'*. And, following up to Ecuador's need for further support from the UNREDD Programme, beyond the closure of its NJP by mid 2015, in order to effectively scale up into REDD+ implementation at national level as has been expressed during PBs 11, 12 and 13, in my capacity as Ecuador's UNREDD Focal Point, hereby I present **Ecuador's formal request for a Targeted Support to 'Support for the Implementation of a National Strategy and the Warsaw Framework for REDD+ in Ecuador'**.

Outcomes expected with the implementation of the requested targeted support will contribute to complete - and start the implementation - of Ecuador's National Strategy for REDD+ and pending elements for the implementation of the Warsaw Framework for REDD+ (including the implementation of a system for providing information on how safeguards have been addressed and respected), to support the scaling up of efforts through the implementation of policy instruments and ground actions, towards REDD+ results based activities at national level in the context of results based payments, in accordance to relevant decisions for REDD+ under the United Nations Framework for Climate Change.

Please find attached the complete *voluntary form* as well as an annex to the form with further information on the request; both documents have been developed by the Ministry of Environment on the basis of the previous TS request with FAO, already approved and in implementation. As per implementation arrangements for present TS request, the United Nations Development Program has been identified as the most appropriate Implementation Agency to channel the financial and technical support hereby requested from the UNREDD Programme.

Also, with regards to current discussions under the Policy Board towards the UN-REDD Programme 2016-2020 Strategic Framework, the Ministry of Environment wants to recognize the key role that the UN- REDD Programme has played in Ecuador's REDD+ readiness phase, which might be completed with the support of the present TS request. In this regards, Ecuador hereby would like to highlight the importance of the UN-REDD Programme's *support beyond the readiness phase*, during the implementation of results-based activities at national level - and the implementation of our national strategy for REDD+ - towards obtaining and receiving results-based payments from a diverse variety of sources.

In case additional clarification is needed, as well as for further coordination on the request please contact Ms. María del Carmen García, REDD+ Focal Point (maria.garcia@ambiente.gob.ec).





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Warm regards,

Atentamente,


Documento firmado electrónicamente

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Anexos:

- TS request
- Proposed budget

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