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Dear Mr Kafle,

I would like to extend a warm welcome to you in your role of UN-REDD National Focal Point for Nepal. We look forward working with you and continue the collaboration with Nepal in the country's REDD+ efforts.

I understand that you endorse the request for targeted support received from Mr Resham Dangi, former National Focal Point, on 5 January, and I am pleased to inform you that the requested funding in the area of Forest Reference Levels (FRL) has been approved.

The UN-REDD Programme, through the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), will support the proposal with a total amount of US\$ 80,000. As described in the proposal, the support will assist Nepal and countries at a similar stage of FRL progress to 1) strengthen the capacity for FRL development in Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Mongolia, Pakistan and Sri Lanka; and 2) support the process and preparation of Nepal's FRL submission to the UNFCCC.

FAO stands ready to provide all the support you may need in this effort. Mr Ben Vickers, Regional Coordinator for FAO, Bangkok (ben.vickers@fao.org) will provide information and guidance on the next steps, as needed.

It was noted that you are willing to re-endorse the request sent by Mr Dangi and we would appreciate a confirmation by email to the Secretariat.

Sincerely,

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