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Dear Ms. Andin,

I hereby acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 24th May 2012 and of your request for support with regards to the efforts of the Forest Management Bureau in building capacity for providing information on REDD+ safeguards in the Philippines.

I am pleased to respond favourably to your request. I have also noted your endorsement of the Ateneo School of Government (ASoG) as one of the key partners of the Government of the Philippines for the REDD+ work, and in particular the safeguards-related work. Accordingly, a Letter of Agreement between the Food and Agriculture Organization and ASoG is being prepared and will provide the contractual arrangement for the support to be provided.

The support will concentrate on building capacity at the local level and include the following activities, to be implemented by ASoG: inventory/stocktaking of safeguards-related laws and policies at local level, establishment of safeguards learning groups at community level for building capacity over time, development and piloting of a 3-day training on safeguards and creation of a platform for sharing experiences between communities.

I hope that you find these arrangements to be a satisfactory response to your request.

Sincerely,



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