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Dear Mr Esimu Okuraja,

With reference to your letter received on 30 January 2014, we thank you for your interest in receiving support from the UN-REDD Programme on planning for multiple benefits, safeguards, legal preparedness and National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS).

With a view to support the country to expedite its REDD+ efforts and having assessed the detailed request for support on safeguards and multiple benefits, we are pleased to inform that the UN-REDD Programme through UNEP is able to provide initial targeted support in the amount of US\$ 75,000 to the identification, prioritization and mapping of multiple benefits, as well as the development of the safeguards and safeguards information systems. We would like to recommend that the contribution of the activities covered by this support to national REDD+ efforts should be taken into consideration when scoping the National Programme.

In light of the fact that Uganda has been invited to submit a full fledged National Programme and as discussed with the country, we propose that an assessment of this overall request with its other components takes into consideration the context of a more comprehensive support that will be provided to the country. We are available to further discussing with your team to determine the most effective and strategic support which can be offered.

The regional teams of FAO, UNDP and UNEP stand ready to provide all the assistance you may need in this effort. As an initial contact point, please contact Ms Julie Greenwalt, Programme Officer, UNEP (e-mail: julie.greenwalt@unep.org) for discussing the next steps and providing any further information.

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The UN-REDD Programme is looking forward to continued collaboration with Uganda in the country's REDD+ efforts.

Sincerely,

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