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DR. PETER HOLMGREN

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Dear **Dr. Holmgren**:

The Forest Management Bureau (FMB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) with support from the UN-REDD Programme through the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), is implementing the UN REDD Philippines Programme: Supporting Initial Readiness Process.

The programme is aiming to achieve three major outcomes: 1. REDD+ readiness supported by effective, inclusive and participatory management process, 2. Systematic and structural approach to the application of safeguards in REDD+ readiness identified through concrete studies of options and inclusive consultation, and 3. Enhanced capacities for Monitoring and MRV. The overarching requirement that cuts across the above-mentioned outcomes is to build and enhance our key stakeholders' awareness on REDD-Plus. While the UN REDD Philippines Programme involves implementing activities that leads to awareness, the scope is still very limited considering that it is just a one year programme on REDD Plus preparedness.

In this light, we would like to request for any support that your office can extend to us as we craft capacity building program for providing information on REDD+ Safeguards in the Philippines. Related to this request, we also would like to endorse the Ateneo School of Government (ASoG) as our partner in this endeavour and for the institution to support us in building capacity for information on REDD+ safeguards at local level in the Philippines. ASoG is one of our strongest partners in our work on REDD Plus and they are also at the forefront of our information and capacity building campaigns on REDD Plus.

We look forward to your most favourable response. Thank you and best regards.

Very truly yours,

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OIC, Director

