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Dear Mr Björkman

## Subject: Indonesia's interest in the UN-REDD Quick Start initiative

I have the pleasure to refer to your letters dated 25 November 2008 to Mr. Sunaryo, DG of Land Rehabilitation and Social Forestry, and dated 30 June 2008 to Mr. Wandojo Siswanto, Special Adviser to the Minister on Partnership.

As you may be aware, Indonesia has been very keen in supporting the process towards REDD, believing that such mechanism would help us combat the deforestation currently taking place on our forests. Since before the Bali Climate Change Conference last year, we have undertaken REDD readiness activities, and we are eager to continue our endeavours to get ready for the REDD when it comes into effect.

Accordingly, we welcome the UN-REDD scheme, including the 'Quick Start' phase involving six pilot countries, which the UNDP presented to us recently. commitment and experience, we believe that Indonesia's participation in the scheme would be beneficial to both sides, and also present useful input to the ongoing process towards a post Kyoto arrangement including REDD.

Therefore, it is my pleasure to hereby express Indonesia's interest to participate in the scheme as a pilot country. Our actual participation will naturally be subject to a review of any conditions the scheme may impose.

I look forward to a positive response from your good office. I thank you for your kind attention and continuous cooperation.

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