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Dear Ms Maria del Carmen García Espinosa,

With reference to your letter received on 2 July 2015, requesting targeted support from the UN-REDD Programme, I am pleased to inform you that the requested funding from the Government of Ecuador for the implementation of national forest monitoring system (NFMS) for measurement, monitoring and reporting process for REDD+ has been approved.

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) will support the proposal with a total amount of US\$ 595,100, representing the full amount requested. This support will assist the country to reach the expected outputs under the two main areas as described in the proposal, namely:

Support to NFMS for the measurement, monitoring and reporting of emission reductions achieved through REDD+ activities.

- The National Monitoring and MRV processes for REDD+ implemented.
- Monitoring protocols to identify the performance of measures and local actions (under the National REDD+ Action Plan), designed and implemented.

Support to the GHG Inventory System for the agriculture and LULUCF sections design and implementation.

- The 2010 GHG inventory developed and GHG inventories of previous years for the agriculture and LULUCF sectors updated.
- A software tool for the GHG inventories system (agriculture and LULUCF sectors) designed and implemented.

We very much welcome the fact that this request build on the results of the recently closed National Programme and is a follow up on the targeted support from the UN-REDD Programme through FAO, approved in 2014. We also understand, and welcome, that the government will establish programmatic and technical linkages with the two other targeted support requests approved in January and June 2015 so that they are implemented coherently. With these, Ecuador is effectively consolidating and building on the achievements of the National Programme and once again setting the example to what other partner countries could do.


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The UN-REDD Programme is available for any information and further assistance that you may need. Please do not hesitate to contact and further engage with the regional team. In this regards, Mr. Angel Parra Aguiar (Angel.ParraAguiar@fao.org) is the contact person and available for discussing the next steps and providing any further information.

As the determining milestone of COP 21 approaches, we hope this continued support to Ecuador is instrumental in helping advance the mitigation agenda and stand ready to extend any assistance as required. We would like to take this opportunity to also indicatively inform you of the side events that will be held both during the World Forestry Congress and during COP21 in Paris, and will communicate further details closer to the dates, so that we can work together to showcase the REDD+ agenda and in particular achievements of Ecuador.

Sincerely,

for 
Mirey Atallah

Mario Boccucci

Head, UN-REDD Programme Secretariat

With best personal regards.