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To

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Dear Ms Loyche Wilkie

Title: REQUEST FOR TARGETED SUPPORT: CONSULTATIONS FOR REDD+ READINESS

As you may be aware, UN-REDD is currently collaborating with RECOFTC, with funding from Norway, to prepare a REDD+ Readiness Roadmap for Myanmar. Furthermore, following a recent Ministerial level meeting between Myanmar and Norway, we understand that Norway will be willing to fund implementation of some parts of the Roadmap, through the UN-REDD Programme (Tier 2).

The process to prepare the Roadmap is now underway. However, Norwegian funds are not sufficient to cover the broad-based consultations on the roadmap that we plan to hold in order to ensure broad support to the Roadmap. The consultation process will conclude with a national validation workshop, which will serve both to validate the Roadmap, and to validate the UN-REDD Programme proposal, as required under UN-REDD guidelines.

Since the consultation process is so critical to the process of preparing the Roadmap, and indeed to subsequent REDD+ readiness activities in Myanmar, we would like to request Targeted Support from the UN-REDD Programme to cover the costs of consultation.

Thank you for consideration in this important matter.

Yours sincerely,



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Proposal submission to UN-REDD Programme Targeted Support

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Title of the Proposal: REDD+ Readiness Roadmap consultation process in Myanmar

BACKGROUND:

As a result of a visit to Myanmar by Mr. Erik Solheim, former Norwegian Minister for the Environment and International Development, in late October/early November 2011, Norway expressed interest in providing support for the REDD+ Readiness process in Myanmar. In July 2012, Norway's International Climate and Forests Initiative entered into an agreement with the UN-REDD Programme, in collaboration with RECOFTC (The Center for People and Forests) to provide such support, initially for up to USD 90,000 of technical assistance.

An initial scoping mission (July 9th-13th, 2012) yielded recommendations on the process to be followed. A REDD+ Readiness Roadmap should be developed for Myanmar, which identifies all activities required in order for Myanmar to be ready to implement REDD+. This is consistent with preliminary conclusions of the REDD+ Task Force of MOECAF. The agreement between Norway and UN-REDD/RECOFTC was amended to indicate that the first draft of this Roadmap should be produced by 31st March 2013, through focused discussions with different stakeholder groups.

In October 2012, during a mission of the Minister of MOECAF to Oslo, the Norwegian government further indicated their intention to invest in Myanmar's REDD+ Readiness process, through the implementation of the forthcoming Roadmap.

In order to reach the point at which Myanmar can present Norway with a full, budgeted proposal for such support, the Roadmap development process must progress beyond the stage of a first draft to include a full, comprehensive, multi-stakeholder consultation process. The document must then be amended to reflect the outcomes of this process. It will then preform the dual role of providing

- (a) A transparent, guiding framework for all national stakeholders on the process and sequence of activities leading towards REDD+ Readiness in Myanmar
- (b) A resource mobilization tool for all potential sources of finance, enabling Myanmar to demonstrate to potential donors where their assistance is sought, and where additional funds have already been secured

This proposal is therefore submitted to support the following *outcome*:

Myanmar's REDD+ Readiness Roadmap is validated by a full, effective, multi-stakeholder consultation process

Outputs

1. Second draft of Myanmar REDD+ Readiness Roadmap
2. Response matrix demonstrating how comments have been incorporated
3. Reports and attendance records of all national and sub-national consultation events

Methodology

The regional offices of the three UN-REDD agencies (FAO, UNDP and UNEP) in Bangkok will continue working with MOECAP and RECOFTC, with the financial support from the Government of Norway, to complete a first draft of the Roadmap by 31st March 2013. This assistance will be supplemented with financial support from the FAO Myanmar Country Office (USD 5,000) and the DfID/SIDA-supported Pyoe Pin Programme (USD 15,000). This support is required to mobilise three national working groups to generate the information necessary to complete the Roadmap, and to recruit national facilitators to support these groups and assist UN-REDD/RECOFTC to compile the resulting information.

The consultation process covered by this proposal will run for three months from the completion of the first draft, and will include the following activities:

1. **National Workshop for Roadmap presentation:** Multi-stakeholder workshop, in Naypyitaw, to present, and receive initial feedback on, the first draft of the Roadmap (USD 5,000)
2. **Provincial Awareness Raising and Consultation Workshops (8):** Eight events, covering all areas with distinctly different circumstances as regards key drivers of deforestation and forest degradation (according to MOECAP). Each workshop will consist of participants from local communities, local government, CSOs, private sector and forest officials. They will use awareness raising materials adapted from existing materials produced by Pyoe Pin, RECOFTC and Spectrum (a Myanmar NGO), and will focus on generating inputs on locally-specific drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, and potential strategies. (USD 28,000)
3. **National consultation events for specific interest groups and key informants:** Targeted meetings between Roadmap development team and key interest groups/ individuals, in Yangon and Naypyitaw, on specific sections of the Roadmap (USD 1,000)
4. **Consultation process facilitator:** Recruitment of a part-time national-level consultant to facilitate the consultation process and develop a response matrix (USD 4,000)
5. **National validation workshop:** Final national workshop, in Naypyitaw, to present the second draft of the Roadmap, and seek validation. (USD 5,000)

Total requested amount: USD 43,000

Timeline

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