

CLIMATE INVESTMENT FUNDS

August 4, 2011

His Excellency
Mr. José E. B. Endundo
Minister
Ministry of Environment
Conservation of Nature and Tourism
Kinshasa
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Excellency:

Endorsement of the Investment Plan for the Democratic Republic of Congo under the Forest Investment Program (FIP)

It is my pleasure to confirm that the FIP Sub-Committee reviewed the *Investment Plan for the Democratic Republic of Congo*, and endorsed the investment plan as a basis for the further development of the projects foreseen in the plan and took note of the requested funding of USD 60 million in grant funding.

The Sub-Committee reconfirmed its decision on the allocation of resources, adopted at its meeting in November 2010, that a range of funding for the country should be used as a planning tool in the further development of project and program proposals to be submitted to the FIP Sub-Committee for FIP funding approval. The range of funding agreed for the Democratic Republic of Congo is USD 40-60 million in FIP resources.

We would like to warmly congratulate Mr. Victor Kabengele, Project Coordinator and FIP Focal Point, Ministry of Environment, on the excellent presentation he made to the Sub-Committee to introduce the investment plan.

In endorsing the investment plan, the Sub-Committee requested the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo supported by the African Development Bank and the World Bank Group to

- i. prepare an analysis of barriers to private sector engagement in sectors relevant to achieving the objectives of FIP and to take into account such analysis in the further development of program component of the plan, “Engaging private sector in REDD+ in DRC”; and
- ii. ensure that the components of the plan are coordinated, both with each other and with other initiatives in the country, so as to promote synergies

and the achievement of sustainable impacts contributing to the objectives of FIP.

Please do not hesitate to contact the CIF Administrative Unit or the staff from the African Development Bank and the World Bank Group working with you on the investment plan if you have any questions or need further clarification.

We look forward to receiving proposals for the projects and programs identified in the investment plan for the Democratic Republic of Congo for approval of FIP funding by the Sub-Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. h. Bliss - Guest". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "P".

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