

**Request for Policy Board Inter-Sessional Decision on the Criteria for Prioritizing New National Programmes**  
**1 July 2011**

*Recalling* decision 10 (a) taken by the Policy Board at the fifth Policy Board meeting<sup>1</sup>:

10 (a) The Board decided to form a small working group that was tasked with proposing selection criteria for prioritization of funding allocations for consideration by the Board at its sixth meeting. It was agreed that the working group will be composed of representatives of each member group of the UN-REDD Programme Policy Board, as follows: Argentina, a representative of the Community Research and Development Services (CORDS) (IP-Africa); Denmark; a representative of Global Witness; UNDP; and Zambia.

*Also recalling*, decision 19, 20 and 21 taken by the Policy Board at the sixth Policy Board meeting<sup>2</sup>:

19. The Board commended the work of the working group and provided comments to improve and strengthen the criteria proposed by them. Written comments can be submitted by 15 April 2011.

20. In order to ensure continued national programming, the Board agreed that the working group should apply the revised criteria to prioritize countries for new National Programmes, based on available funds. The revised criteria and the proposed priority country (s) will be circulated to the Policy Board for inter-sessional approval in May 2011.

21. Colombia agreed to replace Argentina on the working group.

*Recalling* the rules of procedure point 2.1 on the scope of National Programmes:

- Full scope of readiness activities (Full National Programme)
- Initial package of support (Initial National Programme)

*Noting* that comments received from the Policy Board have been considered by the working group.

*Noting* section 1.1 of the UN-REDD Programme Rules of Procedure allowing for decisions of the Policy Board to be made between meetings (referred to as “Inter-Sessional” decision-making).

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<sup>1</sup> The decision is recorded in the Report of the fifth Policy Board meeting, available at:  
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*Responding* to the request of the Policy Board to ensure continued national programming, based on the available funds, the working group revised and finalized the criteria and produced a list of prioritized countries invited to submit proposals based on the application of the criteria.

Given the above, the Policy Board members are hereby requested to approve the following:

- 1. The Board approves, on a no objection basis, the criteria for prioritizing new National Programmes.***
- 2. The Board further approves, on a no objection basis, to invite Guatemala, Republic of Congo and Sri Lanka to each submit a National Programme Document for consideration at the seventh Policy Board meeting, or eighth Policy Board meeting if time for preparation and submission is not sufficient.***