

**Request for Policy Board Inter-Sessional Decision on Extension to Sign the National Programme
Document for Sri Lanka
19 October 2012**

Recalling decisions 1.16.3 and 1.16.4 taken by the Policy Board at the fourth Policy Board meeting¹:

1.16.3. To encourage rapid progress from preparation to implementation of the National Programmes, the Board decided that the National Programme document should be finalized no later than six months from the dates of approval of funding allocations by the Policy Board. The Board also urged the Secretariat to provide all necessary support to ensure that the document is finalized as soon and as cost-effectively as possible.

1.16.4. The Board also decided that if it is not possible to finalize the document within six months, the submitting country is requested to ask the Board for an extension, justifying the reasons for it.

Also recalling, decision 11 taken by the Policy Board at the eighth Policy Board meeting²:

11. The Board approved Sri Lanka's funding allocation for a full National Programme as per the budget in the Submission Form.

Noting that the UN-REDD Programme received a letter dated 11 September 2012 from the Government of Sri Lanka indicating that they completed the revision of their National Programme document addressing the recommendations of the Policy Board, but need additional time to have the document signed.

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).

Responding to a request by the Government of Sri Lanka to extend the deadline for submitting their signed National Programme document to the UN-REDD Programme Secretariat originally set for 27 September 2012.

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

The Board approves, on a no objection basis, an extension for Sri Lanka to submit its signed full National Programme document by 27 December 2012.

¹ The decision is recorded in the Report of the fourth Policy Board meeting, available at:
http://www.unredd.net/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=2031&Itemid=53

² The decision is recorded in the Report of the eighth Policy Board meeting, available at:
http://www.unredd.net/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=7039&Itemid=53