



**Request for Policy Board Inter-Sessional Decision to invite Colombia to submit a National Programme  
9 August 2012**

Recalling decision 10 (a) taken by the Policy Board at the fifth Policy Board meeting<sup>1</sup>, decisions 19, 20 and 21 taken at the sixth Policy Board meeting<sup>2</sup>, and the 10<sup>th</sup> inter-sessional decision taken by the Policy Board on 1 July 2011<sup>3</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.*

*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.*

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- The Board approves, on a no objection basis, the criteria for prioritizing new National Programmes.*
- 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*

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<sup>1</sup> The decision is recorded in the Report of the fifth Policy Board meeting, available at:

[http://www.unredd.net/index.php?option=com\\_docman&task=doc\\_download&gid=4321&Itemid=53](http://www.unredd.net/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=4321&Itemid=53)

<sup>2</sup> The decision is recorded in the Report of the sixth Policy Board meeting, available at:

[http://www.unredd.net/index.php?option=com\\_docman&task=doc\\_download&gid=5260&Itemid=53](http://www.unredd.net/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=5260&Itemid=53)

<sup>3</sup> The decision is recorded at:

[http://www.unredd.net/index.php?option=com\\_docman&task=doc\\_download&gid=5523&Itemid=53](http://www.unredd.net/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=5523&Itemid=53)

*consideration at the seventh Policy Board meeting, or eighth Policy Board meeting if time for preparation and submission is not sufficient.*

Noting that Guatemala did not presented a submission at the seventh or eighth Policy Board meetings.

Also recalling, decision 1 taken by the Policy Board at the Eighth Policy Board meeting<sup>4</sup>:

*1. The Board agreed to re-establish the working group to support national programming efforts. The Board constituencies self-selected one representative each to the working group, as follows: partner countries (Zambia); donors (Denmark); UN Agencies (UNDP); Civil Society organizations (IPAM); and Indigenous Peoples (CORDS).*

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).

Considering that the Programme has funds available for one new National Programme.

Responding to the request of the Policy Board to ensure continued national programming, based on the available funds, the working group revised and updated the document on Criteria to Prioritize Countries for New National Programmes, and ranked partner countries for the Latin American region. The revision included rating new partner countries for the region and updating rating for criteria 1 and 2, reflecting the current status in the countries. Colombia resulted prioritized in this exercise.

Given the above, Policy Board members are hereby requested to approve, on a no objection basis, the following:

- 1. The updated document on [Criteria to Prioritize Countries for New National Programmes](#).**
- 2. To invite Colombia to submit a National Programme Document for consideration at the ninth Policy Board meeting, or tenth Policy Board meeting if time for preparation and submission is not sufficient.**

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<sup>4</sup> 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](http://www.unredd.net/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=7039&Itemid=53)