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Comments from United Kingdom on Democratic Republic of Congo's Investment Plan

DRC Investment Plan

The UK welcomes the feedback we received in the FIP Sub-committee from the Government of DRC. In particular, in light of the discussions on the importance of enabling activities, which section 5.2.2 indicates must be implemented, we were particularly pleased to hear from the Government that the legal text on community forests will be signed imminently and certainly before the end of 2011. Para 86 of the Investment Plan itself assumes "that the legal framework for the promotion of community forestry will have been adopted by the launch of the FIP investment". In this regard we look forward to confirmation that these texts will be now signed without delay.

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