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**Comments from Germany on Approval by Mail: Bolivia: Climate Resilience -
Integrated Basin Management Project (IBRD)**

Dear PPCR BOL team,

Thank you very much for your responses which were very helpful. We don't have any objection, pls find a number of reactions attached.

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Review of Responses to our earlier Comments on proposed project:
Bolivia
Climate Resilience – Integrated Basin Management Project

In principle we are satisfied with the responses to our comments. A few open questions remain, which we would like to see addressed at a later stage, please see **bold** highlights below. Numbers in brackets () refer to the numbers used in the *Review & Team Responses Summary Matrix*

Comment (10): The *Project Development Objective* (PDO) is to “support the implementation of Bolivia's strategy for climate resilience by strengthening institutional capacity to define the new integrated river basin management approach to climate change adaptation, and supporting its implementation in three pilot sub-basins in the Rio Grande river basin”. We recommend clarifying if “the new integrated river basin management approach to climate change adaptation” refers to the *National Plan for River Basins* mentioned below, or to another specific national strategy, and if this is the case, naming the strategy document. **Response:** The “the new integrated river basin management approach to climate change adaptation” refers to the inclusion of CC adaptation methods and procedures as part of the *National Plan for River Basins* which will start with the testing of a new river basin methodology within the selected pilot basins. This will be clarified in the PAD.

Comment (11): In the project context, we would like to emphasize the national policy for *Integrated River basin management* (IRBM), the so-called ‘*National Plan for River Basins*’, established by the Government of Bolivia. The plan is currently in its second phase (2013-2017) and includes strategic lines of intervention regarding the ‘*Master Plan for the Rio Grande Basin*’. We recommend making explicit reference to this policy, and ensuring that the PPCR project is integrated into the strategic lines of this policy. **Response:** The PPCR contributes to the ‘*National Plan for River Basins*’ (PNC), established by the Government of Bolivia. The PPCR build on the PNC and it is expected that the results and lessons learned from the PPCR will improve the PNC with the inclusion of CC considerations. This has already been endorsed by the Ministry of Water and Environment. This will be clarified in the PAD.

Reaction to response (on comments 10 and 11): Thank you for the clarification. Nevertheless, at this time, the PAD does not include a reference to the ‘*National Plan for River Basins*’. **We trust that this will be taken into account during project implementation, and look forward to an update provided at a later stage.**

Comment (16): We appreciate that the results of the project indicators will be broken down into categories of beneficiaries, in particular indigenous people and women, to the extent possible. We consider it particularly important and strongly support that the results for the project indicator “*direct project beneficiaries*” are disaggregated by gender, as foreseen in the results framework. To this end, we recommend that the *End Targets* for this indicator be completed, as mentioned in our comments above. We furthermore recommend disaggregating by gender those *Project Indicators* that reflect *PPCR Core Indicators* for which the *PPCR Core Indicator Guidance* calls for such disaggregation. **Response:** The disaggregation by gender for this indicator can be done. Nevertheless the establishment of an end target can be difficult without the definition of the baseline. The estimation of the End Target will be done once the baseline is set.

Reaction to response: We welcome that the project indicator “*direct project beneficiaries*” will be disaggregated by gender, and that an (estimated) End Target for this indicator will be established. However, we would again like to highlight the importance of also disaggregating by gender other project indicators that reflect *PPCR Core Indicators*, and including this in the results framework. **We trust that this will be taken into account during project implementation, and look forward to an update provided at a later stage.**

In addition to our earlier comments regarding the institutional setting, we would like to note that a new institutional framework for climate change in Bolivia has been established, the *Autoridad Plurinacional de la Madre Tierra*. **We recommend this institutional change to be considered during further planning and implementation of the project.**