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DRAFT DESIGN DOCUMENT FOR THE FOREST INVESTMENT PROGRAM, A TARGETED PROGRAM UNDER THE SCF TRUST FUND
It is agreed that the Kyoto Protocol and the Convention have not clearly taken into consideration the most vulnerable countries including the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) as accepted by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC). Although the establishment of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) by the UNFCCC, Least Developed Countries must identify priority activities for adaptation to climate change through NAPA before getting access to this fund.
However, the Bali Action Plan has committed to design a new negotiating process on climate change leading by the AWG-KP that will complete in December 2009 at Copenhagen. This plan also addresses the launch of the Adaptation Fund, the scope and content of the Article 9 review of the Kyoto Protocol, as well as decisions on technology transfer and on reducing emissions from deforestation.
In order to make LDCs part of the solution to climate change and get direct benefit from the Forest Investment Program (FIP) for mitigation, I recommend:
1. To add 'LDCs' across developing countries at the Paragraph II on Objectives and purposes of the FIP document. The sentence should reword in this way: "The main purpose of the FIP is to support Least Developed Countries and Developing Countries' REDD-efforts.....";
2. To consider both least developed countries and developing countries in the whole document;
3. To lessen the restriction within the paragraph IV of Country eligibility of the document in order to allow a large participation of LDCs to the Forest Investment Program (FIP).[<hr>]
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