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Subject Comments on the Forest Investment Program

My comments on the Forest Investment Program Document, CIF/DMFIP.2/2, February 24, 2009. Please observe that all alterations are in bold and that the \* means a suggestion for inclusion of additional items.

1- Item 9.

The FIP will be designed to achieve four specific objectives:

- a) To serve as a vehicle to finance large scale investments necessary for **capacity building and** the implementation of policies and measures that emerge from inclusive multi-stakeholder REDD planning processes at the national level;
- c) To generate understanding and learning of the links between investments and outcomes – that is, by committing to apply rigorous a priori and ex post impact assessment, the FIP will ensure that the outcomes and effectiveness of FIP-supported interventions in reducing deforestation and degradation can be measured **and correlated to emissions' reduction**, and

2- Item 10.

The Principles:

- b) National ownership and national strategies. FIP pilot programs should be country-led and –owned, should build on, enhancing and strengthening existing nationally prioritized REDD efforts, and should respect national sovereignty; **where provinces have any autonomy on formulation and implementation of REDD policies and efforts, national strategies shall take into consideration the sub-national initiatives and the national authority shall coordinate the sub-national strategies;**

- g) Forest related governance. The FIP should capitalize on the lessons learned concerning inclusive and effective governance reform and support that the co-dependent relationship between such processes and forest related climate change outcomes is recognized and strengthened;

**g\*) Governance of REDD national strategies shall explicitly address national and subnational levels.**

i) Contribute to sustainable development. The FIP should ensure that its investments make a tangible contribution to the livelihoods of forest dependent communities as well as generate biodiversity benefits and ecosystem services;

**i\*) Changing the Opportunity Cost: The FIP should work with land-owners in forested áreas in order to ensure the increase of the opportunity cost to deforestate.**

3- Item 18:

Functions of the FIP-SC:

**c\*) approving guidance for local implementation strategies based on the recommendations of the expert group;**

h) (I suggest this one become na obligation of the expert group);

4- Item 22:

Expert Group:

I suggest the introduction of another item besides the existing 22:

**22\*. The Expert Group should make recommendations on the best strategies to locally implement FIP programs in each recommended country or region.**

Those are my contributions for the document.

Sincerely,

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