

CLIMATE INVESTMENT FUNDS

**[APPROVAL BY MAIL]: CLEAN TECHNOLOGY FUND INVESTMENT PLAN FOR COLOMBIA-
REQUEST FOR REVISION (CTF) (WORLD BANK) - COMMENTS FROM SPAIN**

Dear Mafalda,

Spain is pleased to support the revised Investment Plan for Colombia. However, we would like to take this opportunity to make some comments regarding future projects carried out within the framework of the current Investment Plan.

We would like to see more initiatives contributing to the enhancement of the regulatory framework in order to overcome the inefficiencies and the high costs in the energy sector in Colombia with the overall goal of boosting the electricity sector's financial sustainability and therefore, the quality of the supply of energy to end users. These inefficiencies combined with the limited understanding of renewable energy solutions form a large risk for the penetration of renewable energy technologies in Colombia and the private sector investment. Proposals considering the capacity building of provincial governments to ensure revenue collections for energy delivered would consequently improve the financial viability of the electricity distribution companies by reducing energy losses. This capacity building and technical cooperation would support the declared intention of the government to include the renewable energy technologies in the power matrix. Furthermore, it would prevent from adding coal-fired plants in the future as currently being discussed by public officials.

Kind regards,

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