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**SUBMISSION TO THE SCALING-UP RENEWABLE ENERGY IN LOW INCOME COUNTRIES SUB-
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CIVIL SOCIETY OBSERVER CONSTITUENCY
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General

In preparation of this submission, communications to reach out to the “developed country civil society constituency” were made to generate input and feedback for the present Committee meeting. Only one response was received regarding a current research initiative in the United States on renewable energy investment schemes. The following comments and questions are put forward by Transparency International generally in relation to SREP procedures and processes as relevant to the June meeting.

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Civil society participation and consultations: Regarding the Scoping and Joint Missions conducted in relation to the development of pilot country investment plans, the inclusion of civil society consultations is welcomed. Evidence of this is demonstrated in both the terms of reference and joint mission reports available on the CIF website. In all cases, in order to enhance both transparency and accountability, we recommend:

- that the scope of civil society involvement in consultations be broadened to ensure sufficient representation of affected communities and groups in the pilot countries;
- that SREP Observers contribute to recommending the participation of such groups in the design and organization of the joint missions;
- that a more systematic way of connecting consulted civil society groups and the observers be considered to ensure the appropriate representation of concerns at committee and project location/region levels;
- that the terms of reference for the joint missions in Honduras and Ethiopia be published also on the CIF website as soon as possible;
- that an English translation of the scoping mission report on Honduras please be provided.

Tracking system for delivery of investment plans, programs and projects: The tracking system is a highly welcomed initiative. Transparency on data and information gathered through this system will help ensure the overall effectiveness and accountability of the pilot programs and projects.

- Accordingly, we wish to clarify to what degree the tracking system will be transparent and accessible to the public.

General note: As SREP countries develop their investment plans and programs and projects are formulated, it will become increasingly important to ensure that private sector investments are mobilised in ways that contribute to strategic approaches in the pilot countries including sustainable development priorities and environmental and social safeguards. In this respect, public procurement processes should aim to ensure the highest levels of transparency, accountability and integrity to assure confidence of private sector actors in terms of establishing a level playing field as well as to ensure the overall best value, highest quality of SREP projects.

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We appreciate the opportunity to review and comment on the presentation or report prepared by the MDB Committee on the potential role of subsidies in SREP countries. Following this presentation, we request a time period to do so in consultation with the Observer constituencies.

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Regarding options for determining investments to be funded from the reserve, among all proposed criteria and consideration, we underscore the need to include the condition: *Readiness to absorb additional resources and demonstrate progress* as explained in paragraph 9 of the draft proposal.