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[Approval by mail]: Mozambique: Emissions Reductions in the Forest Sector Through Planted Forests with Major Investors (FIP, IFC) (PFIPMZ032A) – US Comments

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Subject: U.S. Comments on Mozambique IFC FIP Proposal

Dear Mafalda,

This ambitious project provides an opportunity to address difficult and important issues surrounding plantation forestry in Mozambique. However, the potential for unforeseen negative impacts on people and the environment exists and must be monitored closely. Since the purpose of this project is to provide a replicable model that could be scaled up, it is all the more important that results be monitored carefully and lessons learned be communicated to relevant stakeholders.

We would suggest that IFC add a section to the document that speaks to how impacts of this approach on livelihoods and natural forests/biodiversity (beyond the hydrological issues associated with Eucalyptus) will be monitored and communicated to the sub-committee and other relevant stakeholders, including in the longer term.

In addition, the document references the need for strong stakeholder consultations and notes the various engagements that are underway. How does the project handle engagement/consultations with community leaders to avoid any disagreements or conflicts?

We would also appreciate confirmation that the project will not result in expansion or promotion of industrial-scale logging in primary forest areas.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to comment on this interesting project.

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