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**Comments from United Kingdom on Brazil: Forest Information to Support Public
and Private Sectors in Management Initiatives (IDB)**

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**APPROVAL: Brazil FIP Project - Forest Information to Support Public and Private Sectors in Managing
Initiatives Focused on Conservation and Valorization of Forest Resources (IDB)**

Dear Patricia,

The UK is happy to approve the decision for the ***Brazil Project: Forest Information to Support Public and Private Sectors in Managing Initiatives Focused on Conservation and Valorization of Forest Resources (IDB)***.

We welcome Brazil's presentation of the project in a short and concise manner, and thank colleagues at the IDB and within the Brazilian Government for their efforts to respond to UK queries and points of clarification. It is our view that the proposal is good enough to approve.

However, we do note a number of areas that we will closely monitor as the project is implemented. This project is a key part of Brazil's Investment Plan (the first of four projects to be implemented). As such it is integral to the programmatic approach, which the CIFs follows. We recognise that this project is a little different from other FIP projects that have been submitted through the approval process, being heavily focused on the generation of information on Brazil's (Cerrado) forests (extent, conditions, management, supply chains, carbon stocks), addressing existing knowledge gaps for this critical forest biome. We recognise it as an enabling project for Brazil's participation in FIP, as well as contributing to their on-going efforts to address deforestation. We encourage other projects presented within Brazil's Investment plan to clearly articulate the synergy between them and this first project, as they are finalized.

A key focus of our discussions with IDB and Brazil officials has as you know, been to seek reassurance on how this information project can contribute to tangible emission reductions - an element not currently measured in the project. We encourage the implementing agencies and the MDB to seek to try and monitor the impact this project has on GHG emission reductions and forest conservation, as it is implemented, if at all possible.

Additionally, we would recommend that during project implementation, efforts to quantify cost effectiveness (in terms of emissions avoided and overall VfM) are worked on, and continued close analysis and monitoring of data use, broken down by sector (public, private, civil society), is maintained and incorporated into future improvements of the NFIS.

Best regards,

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