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Dear Colleagues:

We are writing with regard to the decision of the FIP Sub-Committee concerning the establishment of an Expert Group which reads as follows:

The Sub-Committee reviewed document FIP/SC.1/4Rev.1, *Criteria for Selecting Expert Group Members under the Forest Investment Program, Terms of Reference and Working Modalities*, and approves the proposal for establishing the expert group and the modalities and schedule for the work of the group. The Sub-Committee requests the Administrative Unit to collaborate with the MDB Committee to solicit nominations for the expert group and to prepare a proposal for the composition of the group that is consistent with the selection criteria. The proposal should be submitted to the Sub-Committee for review and approval by mail.

After the approval by the Sub-Committee of the criteria, terms of reference and working modalities for the Expert Group, and consistent with above mentioned decision, a call for nomination of experts was sent to the FIP Sub-Committee members, SCF Trust Fund Committee members, active observers to the SCF Trust Fund Committee and the FIP Sub-Committee, the MDBs and organizations participating in the Collaborative Partnership on Forests. The call was also posted on the CIF website.

The CIF Administrative Unit received nominations and supporting information for 83 experts. A list of nominees and their resumes were shared with the MDB Committee which met on December 7, 2009, and agreed on a proposal that meets the selection criteria approved by the Sub-Committee. We are pleased to attach **for your review and approval** the decision document *Proposal for the Composition of the FIP Expert Group*. The decision reads as follows:

Proposed Sub-Committee Decision

The FIP Sub-Committee reviewed the document entitled, *Proposal for the Composition of the FIP Expert Group*, dated December 16, 2009, and approves the proposed composition of the FIP Expert Group. The Sub-Committee recalls that the terms of reference and selection criteria for the Expert Group were earlier approved (document FIP/SC.1/4/Rev.1, entitled, *Criteria for Selecting Expert Group Members under the Forest Investment Program, Terms of Reference and Working Modalities*), and agrees that the proposed list of eight experts meets the approved selection criteria.

The FIP Sub-Committee requests the CIF Administrative Unit to take the steps necessary to convene the FIP Expert Group and invites the Expert Group to submit its recommendations to the Sub-Committee for consideration at its meeting in March 2010.

If we do not receive any objection to the proposed decision by close of business on January 6, 2010 (EST), we will consider the decision to have been adopted and will confirm the final decision in writing.



- FIP SC Proposal for FIP Expert Group for Decision by Mail.doc

Sincerely,

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