

April 30, 2015

RE: Approval by Mail: Endorsement of the Revised Investment Plan for Nepal (SREP) – Comments received from the United Kingdom

Dear Mafalda,

Thank you for submission for approval of the revised SREP Nepal Investment Plan and thank you to the MDBs and Government of Nepal for detailed responses to our, and Switzerland's questions.

We are broadly happy with these responses, however our question number 9 relating to the lack of policy relating to utility scale PV in Nepal was not fully addressed. Given the impact that unclear regulatory frameworks has on the potential for co-investment by the private sector and possible further delay to the programme, we would appreciate an answer to this point.

More immediately, given the tragic recent earthquake in Nepal, it would be useful to understand whether the MDBs/Government are considering a pause in approving projects under the Nepal Investment Plan, to allow for assessment of the damage to the energy system and development of a resilient approach to reconstruction, or whether the MDBs/Government of Nepal see utility scale solar as part of any future energy mix in any case, and that this programme can and should proceed without delay.

Best wishes,
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