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Kinshasa, 9th March 2009

Dear Madam,

Subject: UN-REDD Policy Board Meeting, Panama 9-10 March

I confirm that the National Joint Programme (NJP) on REDD for the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) was prepared jointly by the three UN-REDD agencies, namely FAO, UNEP and PNUD. They led a participatory mission on 19-30 January 2009, which mobilised a large number of stakeholders and ensured all key parties were consulted and able to effectively contribute. This was followed by intense drafting work during February 2009 and a short appraisal mission in early March 2009.

The UN's Resident Coordinator was briefed on 20th January and provided his full support to the initiative, also encouraging prompt project implementation because the country needs immediate engagement in all development sectors in order to consolidate peace and advance socio-economic recovery.

Since in DRC the UN presence is very large, and the UN's Resident Coordinator office is already charged with many peacekeeping and humanitarian responsibilities, UNDP provides the coordinating role for the UN-REDD NJP process, in continuous consultation with the FAO and UNEP offices.

Ms. Angela Cropper
Chairperson, UN-REDD Policy Board
Deputy Executive Director, UNEP

We hope the UN-REDD Policy Board will consider positively the submitted NJP proposal. We are aware that it needs a final fine-tuning, and we are ready to provide support needed to do so by the end of this month.

Thank you for your attention. Best wishes.



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