Whereas:

1. Section 6.3 of the Charter Establishing the FCPF (Charter) provides that “a REDD Country Participant shall, on the basis of the Readiness Plan Idea Note, develop a Readiness Plan and submit it to the Facility Management Team for review and approval by the Participants Committee.”

2. The Facility Management Team (FMT), through Note FMT 2009-3, indicated that the name “Readiness Plan” does not characterize accurately the nature of the document submitted by a REDD Country Participant. Early experience shows that the concept of REDD readiness is evolving, and that a country is not yet able to provide a definitive, detailed discussion of all its readiness components at this stage. Use of the term “plan” has created the impression that, when submitting an R-Plan, a country is ready at this stage to implement a blueprint for readiness that addresses all aspects. The FMT therefore suggested that the “Readiness Plan” be replaced with “Readiness Preparation Proposal” (R-PP);

3. The Participants Committee (PC) recognized that formulation of an R-Plan has little or no precedent to follow and that the R-PP development process is a continuous learning process for REDD Country Participants, the PC and Technical Advisory Panels, and such a process creates an opportunity for an extensive dialogue in the true spirit of partnership between the PC and the REDD Country Participants, with the objective of facilitating the country’s progress toward REDD readiness.

The Participants Committee,

1. Endorses that:
   a. The term “Readiness Plan” should be renamed as “Readiness Preparation Proposal”;
   b. The role of the PC with regard to the R-PP should focus on:
      (i) Reviewing and assessing the R-PP on the basis of the criteria still to be finalized, taking into account the review by the TAP and the preliminary findings from the World Bank’s due diligence;
      (ii) Providing guidance on issues to be addressed in the relevant components of the R-PP;
(iii) Determining whether the R-PP submitted by the REDD Country Participant provides a sufficient basis to proceed with funding; and
(iv) Monitoring the implementation of R-PPs by REDD Country Participants through progress reports, as specified in the Charter;

2. Invites the FMT to circulate the R-PP template and assessment criteria, and proposes a process for review of the template and criteria, for comments by the Participants, as reflected in the decisions of this meeting; and

3. Given that the proposed changes referred to in paragraph 1 above require an amendment to the relevant provisions of the Charter, requests the FMT to circulate a draft amendment to the Charter to all the Participants at least thirty days prior to the Participants Assembly, which is scheduled to take place on October 26, 2009, for adoption by the Participants.