

**FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY (FCPF)  
FIFTH PARTICIPANTS COMMITTEE MEETING  
March 22-25, 2010  
La Lope National Park, Gabon**

**Resolution PC/5/2010/1**

**Democratic Republic of Congo's Readiness Preparation Proposal**

**Whereas:**

1. The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) submitted a Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP) to the Facility Management Team (FMT) in January 2010, which was reviewed by a Technical Advisory Panel (TAP), a working group consisting of Participants Committee (PC) members established for this purpose, and the World Bank;
2. The PC reviewed the R-PP in accordance with Section 11.1 (b) of the Charter Establishing the FCPF (Charter) at its fifth meeting; and
3. The PC acknowledged the extensive efforts made by DRC and the high quality of its R-PP.

**The Participants Committee,**

1. Decides to allocate grant funding to DRC to enable it to move ahead with preparation for readiness;
2. For this purpose, it requests:
  - i. DRC to submit a revised R-PP (Revised R-PP) to the FMT, reflecting the key issues in the summary report prepared by the FMT included in the annex to this resolution;
  - ii. The FMT to check the Revised R-PP for completeness, make it available on the FCPF website and notify the PC of its availability;
  - iii. The World Bank, as the Trustee of the Readiness Fund (Trustee), to complete its due diligence, in particular with regard to the World Bank's Operational Policies and Procedures, working closely with DRC, in order to provide a grant of up to US\$3.4 million, in accordance with PC Resolution PC/3/2009/4;
  - iv. DRC to consider the issues identified in the TAP's R-PP assessment as well as those raised by the FCPF PC at this meeting during readiness preparation; and

- v. DRC to report to the PC on progress made in accordance with Section 6.3 (b) of the Charter and to carry out its responsibilities in accordance with the grant agreement.
3. Notes with appreciation that DRC intends to incorporate the main issues identified by the UN-REDD Programme Policy Board in the revised R-PP;
4. Invites the World Bank to continue working closely with the UN-REDD Programme for DRC's readiness preparation; and
5. Encourages other multilateral entities and bilateral agencies with programs in DRC to assist the government actively in mainstreaming REDD in overall cooperation planning.

## **Annex**

### **Summary Report Prepared by the FMT**

The PC praised DRC for producing a high quality R-PP and recognized that the country has put in place an inclusive and participatory process for achieving REDD Readiness.

The PC noted with satisfaction that the R-PP recognizes the inter-sectoral nature of deforestation and forest degradation and the role of decentralized government structures to address them.

The PC noted that DRC REDD Readiness efforts demonstrate a good example of coordination between the FCPF and the UN-REDD programme. In addition, the PC noted that DRC's R-PP is already being used as a tool to coordinate donor support for REDD, including the Congo Basin Forest Fund.

#### **Key Issues**

The following are the key issues that DRC needs to address before entering into a Readiness Preparation grant agreement with the Trustee of the Readiness Fund:

1. The R-PP should clarify how feedback from various stakeholder groups would be gathered and how they would feed into the REDD Strategy design process.
2. While the R-PP proposes the creation of many new institutions at national and provincial levels, the R-PP should better articulate if and how the mandates of existing institutions could be adjusted to take on these new roles.
3. The R-PP should clarify the role of civil society organizations and local communities in the national MRV system. Their capacity needs should be included in the capacity building strategy.
4. The budget should clearly indicate what priority activities will be financed by the FCPF & the UN-REDD programme. In addition, the national strategy for mobilizing additional resources for the REDD Readiness process and the fiduciary arrangements for the management of these funds should be clarified.