

**FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY (FCPF)**

**EIGHTH PARTICIPANTS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**March 23-25, 2011**

**Dalat, Vietnam**

**Resolution PC/8/2011/5**

**Vietnam's Readiness Preparation Proposal**

**Whereas:**

1. Vietnam submitted a Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP) to the Facility Management Team (FMT) as revised on March 7, 2011, 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 eighth meeting; and
3. The PC acknowledged the extensive efforts made by Vietnam, and the high quality of the R-PP.

**The Participants Committee**

1. Decides to allocate funding to Vietnam to enable it to move ahead with the preparation for readiness.
2. For this purpose, requests:
  - i. Vietnam 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 on 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 Vietnam, in order to provide a grant of up to US\$ 3.6 million, in accordance with Resolution PC/3/2009/4;
  - iv. Vietnam 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. Vietnam 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.

## **Annex**

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

The PC noted the high degree of ownership of the R-PP formulation process in Vietnam which resulted in a very comprehensive and high-quality document. The PC further noted that the R-PP offers an excellent example for other REDD+ countries to learn from Vietnam's experience and that collaboration with neighboring countries on trans-boundary issues and forest monitoring provides an opportunity to enhance the effectiveness of REDD+ in the region. The PC also welcomed the inclusion of non-carbon benefits in the national monitoring framework, while identifying possible improvements in the monitoring of REDD+ governance; and encouraged to promote the linkage between REDD+ related activities and the national climate change strategic framework.

#### **Key Issues**

The following are the key issues that Vietnam needs to address before entering into a Readiness Preparation Grant Agreement with the Trustee of the Readiness Fund:

1. Revise the R-PP to explicitly acknowledge the role of ethnic minorities as important actors and beneficiaries of programs promoting REDD+ in Vietnam.
2. Include translation of the final R-PP into Vietnamese as part of the outreach and communication strategy for grant implementation.
3. State the intention to initiate discussion with neighboring countries on collaboration with regard to controlling cross-border trade in illegal forest products, and identify possible options to advance Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT) at the national and regional level to mitigate leakage of REDD+ interventions.