

Proposal to increase the FCPF's Bureau composition to incorporate a member from the Mesoamerican Region

Presented by the Government of Mexico to the 8th Session of the Participants Committee

The resolution adopted at PA1/PC1 in October 2008 establishes the Rules of Procedure for Meetings of the Participants Committee. Section VII of the FCPF's rules of procedure, establishes that the Bureau of the Participants Committee is composed by:

“7.01 Up to six members of the Participants Committee, including three REDD Country Participants and, up to three Donor Participants and Carbon Fund Participants collectively, shall serve as the Bureau of the Participants Committee to liaise with and provide guidance to the Facility Management Team during intersessional periods.”

In October 2009, at the second annual meeting of the Participants Assembly, section 11.2 (a) of the Charter was amended to the effect that the number of countries in the PC increased from 20 to 28 members, among which 14 members would be from REDD+ Country Participants and 14 members would be from the Financial Contributor Participants.

During the last sessions of the Assembly of Participants (A3) and the Participants Committee (PC7), held on Washington DC, from November 1-3 2010, Mexico pointed out that the increase on the number of participants in the PC positively affected the representation of the regions. However, the current composition of the Bureau lacks the geographical balance achieved by these increases in the PC composition.

The increase in the number of PC members already reflects in the election of participants for the PC, which is carried out in two separate groups for Latin America. Countries from Mesoamerica and South America choose their representatives separately. This division is practical, since it makes it easier to elect the regions' representatives and also facilitates the regional communication with the countries that will not be participating in the PC in a given year, by organizing it in two separate, more manageable, groups.

Since the countries participating in the Bureau have the responsibility to represent their region's opinions and concerns and to help out the FMT in performing the appropriate consultations for intersessional matters, Mexico considers that having a representative for

Mesoamerica and one for South America in the Bureau would be more appropriate and would facilitate the consultations for the countries in charge of carrying them out.

At this 8th session of the PC, Mexico is looking to reopen its proposal to reform the FCPF's Bureau, by amending Section VII of the rules of procedure, to include a 4th Bureau member for both, REDD+ countries and financial contributors, in order to keep the balance between REDD+ countries and donors.