Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) Fifth Meeting of the Participants Committee (PC5) March 22-25, 2010 — La Lopé, Gabon Informal Summary of Discussions of Argentina's Draft R-PP

The Government of Argentina presented a draft Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP) to the FCPF Participants Committee at the PC5 meeting on March 24th, 2010, for informal discussion and feedback. The following is an informal summary of the discussions prepared by the Facility Management Team (FMT).

Drivers of deforestation and forest degradation. Participants suggested that further analysis be conducted on the economic drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, to further explore drivers other than soy production. Participants also recommended further analysis of the implications of various drivers on other aspects of the R-PP, including the consultation plan.

Sub-national and national-level approaches. Participants pointed to the importance of a national-level approach to REDD+, while also noting the importance of addressing the regional differences in Argentina –with respect to forest ecosystems and socio-economic and climatic factors— in an integrated national accounting system, including the reference scenario.

South-South dialogue. Participants noted the value of South-South dialogue in enhancing the Readiness Preparation process in Argentina. Leveraging the experiences and knowledge of other countries has potential to facilitate the development of methodologies, development of Terms of Reference for R-PP components, and capacity building at both national and local levels.

Stakeholder engagement. Participants also noted that capacity and engagement with stakeholders, particularly at the local level, is constrained by limited resources across a large territory. Participants noted that the FCPF Indigenous Peoples Capacity Building Program is supporting the Organización de Naciones y Pueblos Indígenas en Argentina, with the aim of building capacity and awareness amongst indigenous communities in Argentina on REDD plus-related issues.