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**Sub: Nepal's Emission Reduction Program Document**

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is great to hear from Nepal's REDD Implementation Center that the FCPF is considering Nepal's Emission Reduction Program Document (ERPD) as an agenda for its 18<sup>th</sup> Carbon Fund meeting going to be held in Paris from June 20-22, 2018.

Nepal Federation of Indigenous Nationalities (NEFIN) as a national level umbrella organization of 59 indigenous groups in Nepal and has been working for the rights of indigenous peoples in Nepal since its establishment in 1990. NEFIN has actively been engaged in Nepal's REDD+ process in its capacity as a member of National REDD+ Steering Committee (formerly Apex Body under the Chair of Hon. Minister) and National REDD+ Coordination Committee (formerly REDD Working Group under the Chair of the Secretary). Besides, Nepal's REDD Implementation Centre has consulted NEFIN and its district chapters in several occasions related to REDD+, Forest Investment Program and Dedicated Grant Mechanism for inputs and feedback.

NEFIN has a position that the rights of indigenous peoples over natural resources including land and forests be respected as per UNDRIP, ILO C 169 and other international instruments. In regards with REDD+, NEFIN separately and jointly with other community networks has submitted position papers to the REDD Implementation Centre. We are pleased to notice that our position papers unedited have been annexed to Nepal's ERPD. Also it is good to know that REDD Implementation Centre has recently carried out Social and Environmental Assessment (SEA) and developed a separate Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) in order to address and respect environmental and social issues specific to ERPD. We also requested to ensure the representation of Nepalese Indigenous Peoples which is lead by NEFIN and the part of the benefit sharing in National REDD+..

We believe that the Government of Nepal as party to UNFCCC, Paris Agreement and ILO C 169, will duly address and respect the issues and concerns of indigenous peoples associated with forests and REDD+ during the implementation of ERPD in line with Cancun Safeguards, the provision related to safeguards in ERPD and ESMF. The ERPD, hence, is an opportunity for the indigenous peoples in Nepal for claiming rights over forests and carbon resources through appropriate measures including fair and equitable benefit sharing plan.

Therefore, we would like to request Carbon Fund Participants to consider Nepal's ERPD for its endorsement. NEFIN is committed to supporting the Government in implementing ERPD subject to Cancun Safeguards Principles, UNDRIP and ILO C 169.

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