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Dear Joelle Chassard

Re: Expression of Interest in joining Forest Carbon Partnership Facility.

Thank you for your letter of May 8, 2012 and subsequent emails on the subject. In the capacity of National Focal Point for REDD I am responding to the queries on date of submission of Pakistan's R-PP and the progress made so far.

Despite financial and capacity bottlenecks it is heartening to inform that the REDD process is progressing gradually in Pakistan. Pakistan's expression of interest of 2011 in joining the facility that was well received by the FMT/PC may kindly be recalled. Since then the following progress has been made:-

- Pakistan has actively contributed in the REDD Partnership meetings and has been successful in getting an element on 'Training of trainers' in the work programme for 2013-15.
- The activities undertaken in 2012 include:
 - National Consultative Workshop on REDD safeguards - January 2012.
 - Exposure visit Provincial Focal Points to REDD demonstration site Nepal - January 2012.
 - Workshop on Modalities and Procedures for REDD financing - February 2012.
 - National Steering Committee on REDD meeting convened in May 2012.
 - Participation of provincial focal points in Regional Workshop in Nepal - July 2012.
 - UN-REDD Mission to Pakistan - November 2012.

- Targeted support for preparations of a Roadmap and Capacities building for MRV action plan implementation approved by UN-REDD – December, 2012
- Preparation of National REDD roadmap ongoing activity to be completed in May 2013
- District level workshops on Drivers of Deforestation – 2012-13 in ten districts of the country.

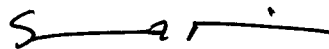
The above activities reflect the seriousness of the Government of Pakistan in contributing in achieving the global objectives of Climate Change mitigation under REDD plus. It is also realized that these activities will directly contribute and help in finalizing the R-PP. However R-PP formulation process being complex and expensive has not been initiated so far. Approval of Pakistan's membership to FCPF and allocations of resources as already requested in Pakistan's expression of interest by the FCPF will help in formulation and implementation of the same.

In view of the foregoing it can safely be committed that the date of Pakistan's submission of R-PP will be six months after approval from the forthcoming Participants Committee meeting i.e. September 2013.

The Secretary Ministry of Climate Change has seen and approved the submission of this reply.

Regards

Yours sincerely



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