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The Secretariat Forest Carbon Partnership Facility

Re: Government Support for Fiji's ER PIN

The Ministry of Fisheries and Forests on behalf of the Fiji Government explicitly confirms its political commitment towards the development and the implementation of Fiji's proposed Emission Reductions Program – "Reducing Emissions and Enhancing Livelihoods in Fiji", under the ambit of the Fiji National REDD+ program.

The Fiji Government is mindful of the importance of the ER PIN proposal for the country in addressing the diverse range of socio economic and environmental issues such as the restoration and rehabilitation of our vulnerable and fragile landscapes and ultimately the improvement of the livelihood of our people beyond carbon benefits. This initiative is well articulated in the national REDD+ policy (2010) as well as the recently launched Fiji National Green Growth Framework of 2015.

Since 2009, Government had been supporting the strengthening of the REDD unit as well as providing financial and infrastructural support for the development of the REDD+ program. The Fiji Government intends to regularise the REDD unit, so that it becomes a fully-flagged government operation unit in the near future.

As the Minister responsible for the forest sector, I wish to reiterate the Fiji Government's commitment towards the national emission reductions program proposed to the FCPF.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Osea Naiqamu'.

[HON. OSEA NAIQAMU]
MINISTER FOR FISHERIES & FORESTS