FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY (FCPF) TENTH PARTICIPANTS COMMITTEE MEETING October 18-19, 2011 Berlin, Germany

Resolution PC/10/2011/2

Central African Republic's Readiness Preparation Proposal

Whereas:

- 1. Central African Republic (CAR) submitted a Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP) to the Facility Management Team (FMT) in September 2011 which was reviewed by a Technical Advisory Panel (TAP), a working group consisting of Participants Committee (PC) members established for this purpose, and the World Bank;
- 2. The PC reviewed the R-PP in accordance with Section 11.1 (b) of the Charter Establishing the FCPF (Charter) at its tenth meeting; and
- 3. The PC acknowledged the extensive efforts made by CAR, and the high quality of the R-PP. Nevertheless, the PC also raised concerns on some substantive issues.

The Participants Committee,

- 1. Decides to allocate funding to CAR to enable it to move ahead with the preparation for readiness.
- 2. For this purpose, requests:
 - i. CAR to submit a revised R-PP (Revised R-PP) to the FMT, reflecting the key issues in the summary report prepared by the FMT included in the annex of this resolution;
 - ii. The FMT to check the Revised R-PP for completeness, prepare a completeness check to be made available on the FCPF website for public comments for four weeks, revise the completeness check, if necessary, and then post the final completeness check on the FCPF website and notify the PC and observers of its availability;
 - iii. The Delivery Partner, once identified and Transfer Agreement finalized, to complete its due diligence, in particular with regard to its policies and procedures and in accordance with the Common Approach, working closely with CAR, in order to provide a grant of up to US\$ 3.6 million, in accordance with Resolution PC/3/2009/4;
 - iv. CAR to consider the issues identified in the TAP's R-PP assessment as well as those raised by the FCPF PC at this meeting during readiness preparation; and
 - v. CAR to report to the PC on progress made in accordance with Section 6.3 (b) of the Charter and to carry out its responsibilities in accordance with the Grant Agreement.
- 3. The PC noted that effective multi-stakeholder consultations should be ensured during the Readiness Preparation phase, including particular attention to consultations with indigenous peoples, taking into account ILO Convention No. 169, which was ratified by CAR.

Annex

Summary Report Prepared by the FMT

The PC noted that the R-PP formulation process to date has been positive. The PC noted in particular the clear improvements in the formal R-PP compared to the informal submission. The PC acknowledges with satisfaction the CAR's intention to intensify the coordination between REDD+ and FLEGT processes, and the ratification of the ILO Convention No. 169 by CAR.

Key Issues

The following are the key issues that CAR needs to address before entering into a Readiness Preparation Grant Agreement with the Delivery Partner.

- 1. Include the terms of reference for a comprehensive study on drivers and agents of deforestation and forest degradation, including the analysis of the role of industrial logging as a driver of deforestation and forest degradation;
- 2. Indicate the intention to conduct an in-depth participatory analysis of options to manage REDD+ funds in CAR, including the pros and cons of using the National Environment Fund (*Fonds Environnemental National*) to manage REDD+ funds and ascertaining how to ensure multi-stakeholder participation in decisions over funds allocation;
- 3. Provide additional information on the pilot projects to be promoted as part of Readiness Preparation, indicating how these projects would be selected, the types of projects to be promoted, the actors eligible to implement these projects and the financing modalities;
- 4. Provide further information on the links between the FLEGT and REDD+ process, indicating concrete joint activities to be carried out during Readiness Preparation; and
- 5. Revise the overall budget and calendar for the different R-PP components to ensure adequate financing to all components, particularly for conducting the Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (R-PP Component 2.d), designing a monitoring system for social and environmental impacts and governance (R-PP Component 4.b), and supporting the ability of the National REDD+ Committee to ensure effective, representative multi-stakeholder oversight of the implementation of the R-PP.