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Dear Mr. Firdaus,

***Re: Response to HuMa Letter for FCPF Event dated 18 May 2010***

We have carefully reviewed your letter dated May 18. In this letter, you express disappointment with the event organized by the Government of Indonesia and the World Bank entitled “*Socialization and Public Consultation of REDDI-Readiness through FCPF (Forest Carbon Partnership Facility)*).

We take note of your serious concerns that the invitations to the event arrived late, that the documents submitted for consultation were made available with insufficient advance notice, that the duration of the consultation itself was inadequate, and that an insufficient number of people’s organizations were present at the consultation.

We find your disappointment understandable. In fact, given the delays incurred in the preparation of the documentation and the event, the Ministry of Forests was left with no time for posting the documents. In hindsight, the event should have been called “information sharing” rather than “public consultation”. We should nevertheless indicate our belief that the Government had genuine intention to organize a proper consultation process.

In order to remedy this situation, and to secure the requisite quality of the consultation process going forward, we understand from the Ministry of Forests that it will post the Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA), the Consultation Plan and other relevant documents for public viewing and will invite comments from civil society. We also understand that a further public meeting will be held at an appropriate time after disclosure.

Your letter also contained several useful suggestions:

The first suggestion called for the use of the June 9, 2009 FCPF guidelines in future consultations. We fully agree with this suggestion and will help the Government follow these guidelines.

The second suggestion dealt with inclusiveness of processes, particularly in favor of indigenous communities. Some of your suggestions mirror the provisions of the World Bank's Operational Policy on indigenous people. We agree with these suggestions and require that FCPF activities comply with them. We also believe that as a practical matter, our Indigenous Peoples policy operates in a manner that is harmonious with the principle of free, prior and informed consent.

The third suggestion related to the creation of a new body, a special forum for in-depth discussion of civil society on climate issues. This idea is worthy of further exploration, and we would encourage you to discuss this option with other authorities involved in climate change program development, including the National Council on Climate Change. We will also raise this point in discussion with the Government.

The fourth point called for the Government of Indonesia to apply the principles of international human rights and environmental laws in all climate related programs. While this question is for the Government to respond, we would like to reiterate that activities executed with Bank financing are subject to Bank environmental and social safeguard policies.

Your fifth suggestion called for restoring the rights of indigenous people that would have been appropriated by others in the past. This issue of land rights has also been raised by indigenous peoples in different international negotiating forums that are discussing rights and REDD, including under the UNFCCC and the UNPF. We are following these negotiations to be sensitive to the demands of indigenous peoples and to be consistent with the eventual outcome.

We would like to use this opportunity to clarify that the portion of readiness activities financed by the World Bank is relatively modest when compared to the overall financing needed and available for these activities. The current contribution amounts to US\$3.6 million and is not yet effective. When it becomes effective, it will finance primarily: (i) background studies and analytical work to further improve the understanding of the dynamics of the drivers of deforestation, (ii) assistance to establish a "National Accounting System with Sub-national Implementation"; and (iii) consultation and communication, relevant to REDD+, at national and sub-national level, which includes consultation of Forest Dependent Indigenous Peoples and other Forest Dwellers. As you can see, while relatively small in size, the FCPF will create new windows and avenues for public consultation and debate.

Finally we would like to use this opportunity to reiterate our support to the values mentioned in your previous letters to us such as good governance and the rights of indigenous people. As you may know, the World Bank through the Indigenous Peoples' fund of the FCPF has assisted AMAN and TELAPAK on an activity to document indigenous peoples' existence and problems in managing the customary forest territory in preparing for climate change adaptation and mitigation processes. We hope to continue these kinds of collaborations in the future with civil society organizations concerned with these issues.

We thank you for your letter and for your interest in the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility. Please let us know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,



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