



Asia and the Pacific Office

Ref: AP/2018-357/UNA.13/DT/ec

29 October 2018

**Mongolia UN-REDD National Programme - Request for No-Cost Extension of three Months**

Dear Ms. Trankmann,

The purpose of this correspondence is to express UN Environment's support for a three-month no-cost extension of the UN-REDD Mongolia National Programme.

I understand that the request was discussed during the final evaluation briefing, that FAO and UNDP provided their backing during the meeting and that Mr. Ts. Tsengel, State Secretary of the Ministry of Environment and Tourism, also concurred.

It is also UN Environment's understanding that the evaluation outlined several challenges that would benefit from being addressed during an additional three months of efforts; most important here is, in our opinion, the finalization of the REDD+ Strategy.

My colleagues at UN Environment are confident that we will likely complete all our work under the UN-REDD National Programme Document by the end of November 2018. Regardless, we lend our full support to the request for extension of this collaborative initiative.

We wish the UN-REDD Mongolia National Programme all the best for November and the additional three months. We furthermore hope that a REDD+ ready Mongolia will move forward with its plans to contribute to reducing greenhouse gas emissions from the forestry sector and turn its REDD+ vision into real changes on the ground for the benefit of all Mongolians.

Yours sincerely,

Dechen Tsering  
Regional Director and Representative  
Asia and the Pacific Office

Ms. Beate Trankmann  
United Nations Resident Coordinator and  
UN Development Programme Resident Representative  
UN House, UN Street-14, Sukhbaatar District  
Ulaanbaatar-14201, Mongolia