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Dear Ms. García,

Following upon our electronic communications, we would like to formally thank you for sending Colombia's request to participate in the UN-REDD Programme. The UN-REDD Programme welcomes Colombia's request and is pleased to start collaborating with your country on REDD+ readiness. Please allow me to detail what Colombia's participation in the Programme entails.

Colombia will have access to our online community of practice through its collaborative workspace (www.unredd.net). The person designated as "knowledge focal point" in Colombia's application form, and all relevant colleagues as per your suggestion, will be provided with a unique username and password to access the online workspace. The workspace acts as a knowledge sharing tool where you will find past and current information about REDD+ readiness activities, key documents, contact information, discussion fora, a calendar of events, meetings, mission and workshops, and other information tools. A short personalized online training will be scheduled to enable Colombia to share information about its own REDD-related activities directly through this tool.

In addition, Colombia will receive sponsorship to attend regional training sessions and workshops where possible, and be placed on the UN-REDD Programme's mailing list for key documents and information emerging from the Programme's body of work. Finally, we can also offer you access to our satellite imagery archives and the opportunity to participate in technical workshops that the Programme is supporting at a global level.

We have sent a request to our Policy Board to have Colombia invited to participate as an observer at the next meeting, and have received an approval on non-objection basis. We will be communicating with you in September regarding the details of the next meeting.



Regrettably, we do not have funds available at this time to support national REDD+ readiness activities in Colombia. We are however pursuing several funding options which we hope will allow us to expand the nature of our support on REDD+ to Colombia in the future. In the meantime, we are very keen to support the exchange of experiences and engage with you on REDD+ readiness process.

Yours Sincerely,



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