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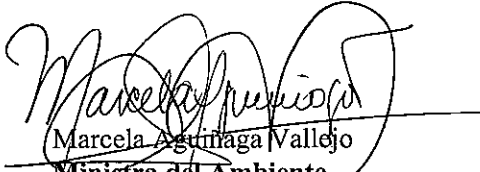
Presente.

On behalf of the Ministry of Environment I want to appreciate the UN REDD Policy Board for the time allocated in the second meeting for a short statement from our delegate. As you know, by the implementation of the Socio Bosque Program, Ecuador has started executing an incentive based policy for reducing deforestation and preserving biodiversity through the involvement of rural local communities. Nowadays, the Government is investing public funds in the implementation of the Program, however the development of National REDD Strategy requires the support of international cooperation. Therefore, to be formally included within the UNREDD Program could be a tremendous asset to achieve our goals.

I understood from our delegate that the UN REDD Programme need to define the formal process by which a new country could be formally accepted into the Programme. We will be waiting to hear from you on any progress about the definition of that process. I also understood that the financial means of support for our participation in the Programme might not be a limitation, as the interest from other developed countries in economically supporting the UN REDD Programme increases. We hope that the formal decision for the inclusion of Ecuador could be taken before the third Policy Board Meeting. We will be willing to fulfill the requirements and follow the process defined by you. It is our expectation that for the third Policy Board Meeting we will be formally invited as part of the Programme already.

Thanks again for the time given to us in the 2nd Policy Board Meeting. I hope to hear from you soon.

Atentamente,



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