

**Request for Policy Board Inter-Sessional Decision on Budget Revision and Extension to sign the
National Programme for the Philippines
3 June 2011**

Recalling decisions 1.16.3 and 1.16.4 taken by the Policy Board at the fourth Policy Board meeting¹:

1.16.3. To encourage rapid progress from preparation to implementation of the National Programmes, the Board decided that the National Programme document should be finalized no later than six months from the dates of approval of funding allocations by the Policy Board. The Board also urged the Secretariat to provide all necessary support to ensure that the document is finalized as soon and as cost-effectively as possible.

1.16.4. The Board also decided that if it is not possible to finalize the document within six months, the submitting country is requested to ask the Board for an extension, justifying the reasons for it.

Also recalling, decision 11 taken by the Policy Board at the fifth Policy Board meeting²:

11. The Board approved the Philippines' funding allocation of US\$ 500,000 for their Initial National Programme as per the budget in the Submission Form.

Noting that the UN-REDD Programme received a letter dated 4 May 2011 from the Government of the Philippines indicating that during revision of the document the budget allocations needed to be adjusted, but that these changes would not affect the total amount approved. Consequently, the Government also noted that they would additional time to have the document signed.

Noting section 1.1 of the UN-REDD Programme Rules of Procedure allowing for decisions of the Policy Board to be made between meetings (referred to as "Inter-Sessional" decision-making).

Responding to a request by the Government of the Philippines to revise budget allocations and extend the deadline for submitting their signed Initial National Programme document to the UN-REDD Programme Secretariat, originally set for 5 May 2011.

¹ The decision is recorded in the Report of the fourth Policy Board meeting, available at:
http://www.unredd.net/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=2031&Itemid=53

² The decision is recorded in the Report of the fifth Policy Board meeting, available at:
http://www.unredd.net/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=4321&Itemid=53

Citing the below budget, the Policy Board members are hereby requested to approve the following:

1. The Board approves, on a no objection basis, the revised budget allocations for the initial National Programme of the Philippines as follows:

Philippines Initial National Programme	(\$)	FAO	UNDP	UNEP
Grand Total	500,000	315,650	162,950	21,400

2. The Board approves, on a no objection basis, an extension for the Philippines to submit its signed initial National Programme document by 31 July 2011.