

**Request for Policy Board Inter-Sessional Decision to Approve Insertion of a New Clause on  
Disclosure of Conflict of Interest in the UN-REDD Programme Rules of Procedure and Operational  
Guidance  
25 May 2012**

*Recalling*, decision eight taken by the Policy Board at the eighth Policy Board meeting<sup>1</sup>:

The Board took note of a clause to be inserted into the UN-REDD Programme Rules of Procedure and Operational Guidance on conflict of interest as follows:

a) *“Members of the Policy Board directly benefiting from or with a specific personal interest, or appearance of an interest, in projects/activities to be approved by the Policy Board, shall disclose such real, perceived or potential conflict(s) of interest to the Co-chairs of the UN-REDD Programme Policy Board, and abstain from any decision or vote on the matter involving the conflict(s)”.*

b) The Policy Board will decide inter-sessionally on the insertion of the disclosure of interest clause into UN-REDD Programme Rules of Procedure and Operational Guidance by the end of April 2012.

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

Given the above, the Policy Board members are hereby requested to approve the following:

***The Board approves, on a non objection basis, the insertion of the following clause into the UN-REDD Programme Rules of Procedure and Operational Guidance, by 25 May 2012:***

***“Members of the Policy Board directly benefiting from or with a specific personal interest, or appearance of an interest, in projects/activities to be approved by the Policy Board, shall disclose such real, perceived or potential conflict(s) of interest to the Co-chairs of the UN-REDD Programme Policy Board, and abstain from any decision or vote on the matter involving the conflict(s)”.***

---

<sup>1</sup> The decision is recorded in the Report of the eighth Policy Board meeting, available at:  
[http://www.unredd.net/index.php?option=com\\_docman&task=cat\\_view&gid=1425&Itemid=53](http://www.unredd.net/index.php?option=com_docman&task=cat_view&gid=1425&Itemid=53)