Proposed Management Group Guidelines for the Safeguards Coordination Group

1. **Preamble:**
- The Management Group (MG) welcomes the internal safeguards rapid review and the related recommendations prepared by the Safeguards Coordination Group (SCG)
- The MG agrees that the review and recommendations provide a very useful perspective, with the impetus now on action to support countries

2. **SCG composition:**
- Each agency, together with the Secretariat, confirms/nominates two standing members to the group (excluding the Safeguards Coordinator)
- Each individual member's performance is the responsibility of their respective line manager within their host agency

3. **SCG role:**
- The role of the SCG is to serve as an internal service provider fulfilling, *inter alia*, the following main functions:
    o Providing in-house services and products constituting the Programme's normative work on safeguards
    o Supporting the Knowledge Management team in identifying, documenting and disseminating lessons of country safeguard processes
    o Identifying and elaborating synergies between safeguards and NFMSs and NS/APs
    o Strengthening conceptual and operational synergies with other major safeguards initiatives – FCPF, REDD+ SES, etc.
    o Maintaining an overall coordination role for both internal and external requests for support and engagement of the Programme on any and all safeguards issues
- The SCG is accountable, through the Safeguards Coordinator, to the MG who will supervise SCG performance against agreed annual work plans (AWPs)

4. **Coordinator role:**
- The role of the Safeguards Coordinator is to serve as the group's Chair, neutral among the three agencies (i.e. would be additional to UNEP's SCG membership), although this arrangement is not necessarily a model for future technical groups
- Supervision of the Safeguard Coordinator's performance against their AWP, is the responsibility of the Coordinator's line management in the host agency (UNEP)
- The Safeguards Coordinator will submit concise bi-monthly reports of SCG progress against AWPs to the MG as the principal means of assuring accountability of the SCG to the MG

5. **Secretariat Role:**
- The role of the Secretariat in the SCG includes, but is not limited to:
    o ensuring the technical work of the SCG is grounded in the broader operational and political context of the Programme
    o communications and knowledge management
    o monitoring and reporting
    o liaising with other inter-agency groups (as and when needed)