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Ms. Cynthia Silva Maturana Vice Minister of Environment and Climate Change Plurinational State of Bolivia

28 November 2011

Re: Notification of UN-REDD Programme Policy Board decision

Dear Madame,

At its seventh meeting held in Berlin, Germany, from 13-14 October 2011, the UN-REDD Programme's Policy Board took the following decision, in response to a request from the Bolivian delegate to reformulate Bolivia's National Programme document approved by the Policy Board in March 2010:

10. "Requested that Bolivia submit its proposed changes in its National Programme to the UN-REDD Programme Secretariat so that the Secretariat can assess if the proposed changes require that the National Programme be re-submitted to the Policy Board for approval." (Decision 10)

Pursuant to this decision, we kindly request the Government of Bolivia to submit the National Programme document with the requested changes highlighted, including budget implications, to the UN-REDD Programme Secretariat, at <u>un-redd@un-redd.org</u> by 31 December, 2011. Upon receipt of the revised document, the Secretariat will carry out an assessment and advise Bolivia on the next steps.

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cc.: UN Resident Coordinator, FAO Country Representative, UNDP Deputy Resident Representative





The UN-REDD Programme acknowledges country ownership and therefore welcomes Bolivia's request. Nonetheless, the Programme is guided by the five-year Strategy approved by the Policy Board and all activities funded by the Programme, at both national and international levels, should be consistent with this Strategy. In this regard we emphasize the importance of coherence between the content of the National Programme document and the national policies. The Secretariat recommends that activities under Bolivia's National Programme be put on hold until its assessment is conducted and guidance on the next steps has been communicated.

The UN-REDD Programme looks forward to continuing to support Bolivia in its REDD+ efforts.

Sincerely,



Yemi Katerere Head UN-REDD Programme Secretariat