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Dear **Mme. Vandeweerd & Mr. Katerere**,

Subject: Request for extension on the submission of the signed Initial National Programme Document-Philippines

During the 5th Policy Board of the UN-REDD Programme held in Washington D.C in November 2010, the Initial National Programme (iNPD)-Philippines was approved. During the revision of the document, the government suggested to review the budget allocation. The iNPD-Philippines was revised accordingly.

However, taking into consideration the time needed to secure the signatures of all the signatories of the iNPD, as well as the deadline of May 5th 2011, it will be extremely difficult for us to finalize the document and submit it to the Board on time. In this regard, we would like to request for an extension of three weeks to finalize the last details and to secure the necessary signatures. It is exclusively an administrative delay.

If you need more details on this request, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your consideration and best regards.

Very truly yours,

For the DENR Secretary:

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