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**UN-REDD PROGRAM SECRETARIAT
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Dear Mr. Mario Boccucci,

REQUEST FOR TARGETED SUPPORT - MALAWI

Malawi as a signatory to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol, is implementing a Malawi REDD+ Programme (MRP) with technical support from the United States Government. The Department of Forestry (FD) which is located in the Ministry of Natural Resources Energy and Mining, has been tasked as the technical agency for REDD+ development.

Since the kick-off of REDD+ activities in 2012, Malawi has made a number of strides in implementing REDD+, such as attainment of partner country status under UN-REDD, establishment of REDD+ governance structures, development of annual work plans, selected assessment studies, study tours to Zambia and Tanzania, placement of a Technical Advisor and Associate in the FD, and recently, the drafting of a 5-year REDD+ Action Plan for Malawi.

Since Malawi is in the early stages of REDD+ Readiness, the annual work plans developed thus far have been quite ambitious considering the limited finances available for implementation. In this regard, please receive the attached proposal from Malawi, requesting support towards selected REDD+ Readiness actions under the UN-REDD Programme's Targeted Support Mechanism. Through this mechanism, the Malawi REDD+ Program envisages to achieve the following outputs:

1. An Institutional Context Analysis that will inform the development of a stakeholder engagement and participation strategy by delivering an informed, unbiased view of current institutions and by providing recommendations to strengthen collaboration.

2. A Corruption Risk Assessment to support improved forest governance and inform the design and modification of REDD+ elements related to governance and policy.
3. Analyses of Malawi's resource tenure regimes that will inform further analysis of Malawi's natural resource management policy arena, link to sustainable land management, and better elucidate tenure practices across geographies and populations.
4. A roadmap that will identify and prioritize key steps in the design, implementation, and management of a National Forest Monitoring System.
5. Host two in-country, high-profile events marking the inception and completion of Targeted Support activities.

It is expected that all the five elements of this proposal will be implemented with in-country UN Agencies within 10 months with an estimated budget of \$250,956 as presented below:

Output	Timeframe	Estimated Cost in USD	UN Partners
Institutional Context Analysis	6 months	28,500	UNDP
Corruption Risk Assessment	6 months	42,500	UNDP
Tenure and Policy Review	9 months	99,956	FAO
NFMS Roadmap	9 months	50,000	FAO
Knowledge Sharing and Awareness Raising	2 weeks	30,000	UNDP
Estimated total budget		250,956	

We look forward to your favourable consideration and continued support.

Sincerely,



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