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The Resident Coordinator  
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Your Excellency,

**REQUEST FOR A NON-COST EXTENSION OF THE UN-REDD PROGRAMME**

Reference is made to the above mentioned subject.

I wish to inform you that following the Joint Steering Committee endorsement of the non-cost extension of the UN-REDD Programme and the proposed response Actions of the Strategic Review, the Ministry wishes to formally request for a non-cost extension of the Programme. The extension will facilitate the finalisation and approval of the National REDD+ Strategy and the development of the Monitoring reporting and verification System (MRV). In consideration of decision 9 of the 9<sup>th</sup> Policy Board, I therefore request for a non-cost extension up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014.

The Government recognises the important role that the UN-REDD Programme has played in supporting actions towards finding solutions to reducing deforestation and ensure effective stakeholder participation in addressing drivers of deforestation aimed at effective management of the forest resources. The Government is recognisant of the slow start-up of the Programme which resulted in delayed implementation of the programme. However, the Government is committed to accelerate the implementation of the programme.

As you are aware the Government has commenced the review of various policies and Legislation as well as the establishment of the long-term Climate Change institutional arrangement by the establishment of an Inter-Ministerial Interim Climate Change Secretariat (IICCS). The Forestry and Agriculture policies are being reviewed which are key to the implementation of REDD+, and with the development of the National REDD+ Strategy we believe that conditions for a successful implementation of REDD+ in Zambia will be assured especially with the capacity strengthening activities that have been initiated. Given the enabling environment, the government is giving towards REDD+ implementation it is critical that the UN-REDD programme is extended to assist government in developing a strategy and the MRV System in a consultative, participatory and inclusive manner.

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Please accept Your Excellency, assurances of the highest consideration.



Daisy Nkhata Ng'ambi

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