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Quito, D.M., 24 de abril de 2015

Asunto: Request of consideration for approval of top-up with UNEP - Ecuador's TS with UNDP (MB-he-ECU-01-2015)

Mister
Mario Boccucci
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En su Despacho

Dear Mario,

Following up to the approval of Ecuador's Targeted Support (TS) request 'Support for the Implementation of a National Strategy and the Warsaw Framework for REDD+ in Ecuador' (MB-he-ECU-01-2015) please note that the Ministry of Environment (MAE) has been working together with regional and national UNDPs offices in the development of a work plan and detailed budget in support as per requested by the Secretariat. Detailed work plan and budget will be sent shortly to the Secretariat, in order to start the implementation of activities planned in the TS request in support to Ecuador's efforts of moving towards REDD+ implementation.

In the context of the mentioned TS, MAE has explored together with UNEP the possibility of supporting expected outcomes and activities already established in the TS request form, with additional technical and financial support, in order to increase the scope of identified activities, mainly in those related to a finance strategy for REDD+ and measures and actions to tackle drivers of deforestation (Activities 1.2 and 2.2).

This complementary support is considered as a *stop-gap measure* to help maintain the momentum and complete some activities until such time when the UN-REDD Programme is in a position to support REDD+ implementation through the 2016-2020 strategy, currently under development.

From the programmatic point of view and for the purpose of coordination, MAE would like to have this funds treated as one coherent funding from the UN-REDD Programme under the implementation modality and governance arrangements already requested by Ecuador, with UNDP as Implementation Agency for the TS. UNEPs additional support will be reflected in the TS workplan and detailed budget; as well as the implementation arrangements for the activities in Ecuador.

In such regard, Ecuador would therefore like to request the Secretariat to consider for approval a top-up for USD 150.000 to the existing TS under UNDPs implementation to receive additional technical and financial support from UNEP, based on discussions





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between MAE, UNDP and UNEP during the planning process that we have been going through with UNDP regarding the development of the work plan, budget and a *programme document* towards the implementation of the TS.

In case additional clarification is needed, as well as for further coordination on the TS please contact Ms. María del Carmen García, REDD+ Focal Point (maria.garcia@ambiente.gob.ec).

Atentamente,

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