



THE GROUP OF 77
New York

The Chairman

L-0121/2013

23 October 2013

Excellency,

Re: *Protein Enrichment of Lignocellulose Residues for Animal Feed from Sugar Industry Effluents*

I have the honour to refer to the above-mentioned project proposal submitted by Cuban Research Institute on Sugar Cane Byproducts (ICIDCA) to the Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund for South-South Cooperation (PGTF) through the Permanent Mission's note verbale (NV:527) dated 30 April 2013.

In this regard, I wish to inform you that the Twenty-eighth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF, held in New York from 30th July to 2nd August 2013, recommended that the project avails from the financing of PGTF and allocated US \$ 35,000 to be disbursed in two tranches. The recommendation of the Committee of Experts was approved by the Thirty-seventh Annual Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77, held in New York on 26 September 2013.

Disbursement of the approved funds will be made through the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) after co-signature of a PGTF project document by a duly authorized government representative of the country that has primary responsibility for the implementation of the project and the respective UNDP country office.

In order to enable the release of approved PGTF funds for the project, it is necessary for the project's sponsors to prepare a draft project document according to the same model format used for the preparation of the original project proposal submitted to PGTF. If project activities have changed as a result of reductions or increases in the amount of the PGTF contribution and/or the other sponsors' contributions, appropriate adjustments should be made to the original project proposal submitted to PGTF which should be duly reflected in the draft project document.

Once the draft project document has been prepared, it should be forwarded in digital format (e.g., Microsoft Word) to the UN Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) in New York at the following email address: yiping.zhou@undp.org (with copy to francisco.simplicio@undp.org). Following a review and any necessary adjustments, UNOSSC will forward the project document to the local UNDP country office to secure the necessary signatures. Finally, upon receipt of signed copies of the project document, UNOSSC will authorize an advance of up to 90 per cent of the PGTF allocation through the local UNDP country office to enable implementation of the project. The remaining 10 per cent of the PGTF allocation will be disbursed upon submission and acceptance of the final substantive and financial reports. Due to administrative and project cycle requirements, actual disbursements of approved advances would only be made after 1 January 2014.

Any queries regarding the project document and disbursement procedures may be addressed to UNOSSC at the above email addresses. Its telephone number is (212) 906-6689 and fax (212) 906-6429.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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