

THE GROUP OF 77

New York

The Chairman

L-058/2012

9 October 2012

Excellency,

Re: Decontamination of distillery slops by microbial protein propagation

I have the honour to refer to the above-mentioned project proposal submitted by the Cuban Institute for Research on Sugarcane by-Products (ICICDA), based in Havana, Cuba, through the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations, to the Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund for South-South Cooperation, (PGTF) by Note Verbale NV 305 dated 30 April 2012.

In this regard, I wish to inform you that the Twenty-seventh Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF, held in New York from 24th to 27th July 2012, recommended that the project avails from the financing of PGTF and allocated US \$ 32,000 to be disbursed in two tranches. The recommendation of the Committee of Experts was approved by the Thirty-sixth Annual Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77, held in New York on 28 September 2012.

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 representative of the project's sponsors and the UN Office for South-South Cooperation of UNDP in New York.

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. The project proposal should be forwarded in digital format (e.g., Microsoft Word) to the UN Office for South-South Cooperation of UNDP in New York at the following email address: yiping.zhou@undp.org (with copy to rogel.nuguid@undp.org). Once the project document is finalized and duly signed copies are received by the UN Office for South-South Cooperation, it will authorize an advance of funds from PGTF through the local UNDP office to enable implementation of the project. Due to administrative and project cycle requirements, actual disbursements of approved advances would only be made after 1 January 2013.

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

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my consideration.

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