

UN-REDD PROGRAMME



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Decisions of the Interim Committee

Recalling the discussion at Policy Board 15 in November 2015 in Costa Rica, and the request from the Policy Board that the UN-REDD Programme demonstrates the availability of sufficient funding to provide technical assistance to existing National Programmes¹;

Taking into consideration the signed commitment made by the European Commission for 10.5 million US\$²;

Having assessed the fund allocation request detailing the support and costs associated with the orderly implementation and closure of the existing National Programmes;

Decision 1 – The Interim Committee:

Approves the allocation of 13.7 million US\$ from the UN-REDD Trust Fund as indicated in the fund allocation document submitted for consideration;

Based on the information presented in the fund allocation document, requests the MPTF to transfer the funds according to the schedule and amounts indicated therein for each of the agencies:

¹ PB14 report, paragraph : 31. Noting that the status and financial figures presented were not sufficient for the Board to make a decision on additional funding allocations, the Government of Norway requested further detailed information on the overall financial status and availability in the Fund, enquiring whether the figures presented included a set-aside to support technical assistance of existing commitments, including already approved National Programmes, Targeted Support and others. In order for the Board to make a decision on fund allocations for the three NPs under consideration at this session, there needs to be sufficient assurance and clarity that existing commitments would receive the necessary support. The Secretariat was therefore requested to provide a budget clarifying: (i) what is necessary to fully service current funding commitments until their closure, (ii) operational costs and (iii) estimates to fund potential gaps, before the end of the year 2015.

² Equivalent of Euro 9.6M at UN exchange rate € .906/\$ as of 15 October, 2016; this amount is inclusive of the final payment of Euro 1.2M to be effected after verification of accounts as per the PAGODA agreement.

Table 1 – Schedule of fund transfers:

	Amount Available	Amount to be transferred to On-going TA	Amount to be transferred to FAO	Amount to be transferred to UNDP	Amount to be transferred to UNEP
2016	8,455,805*				
2017	4,635,762**	8,829,037	2,378,221	5,425,556	1,025,262
2018	4,635,762**	4,939,918	3,088,628		1,851,291
Totals	17,727,329	13,768,958	5,466,849	5,425,556	2,876,553
Balance	3,958,371				

*Balance available in the AA account

**EU commitments excluding final payment of Euro 1.2M expected in 2021.

Requests the agencies to provide portfolio updates on a regular basis, and to indicate any delays in implementation of the National Programmes so that sufficient time is available for considering solutions.

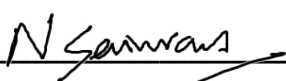
Decision 2: Recognizing the supportive nature of this fund allocation and that results will emanate from the National Programmes themselves, the Interim Committee:

Requests that the financial and substantive reports for the funds under consideration clearly connect to the National Programmes, their results frameworks and their processes. These reports should indicate the level of effort and resources allocated to ensure quality implementation and fiduciary viability of the NPs.

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