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Re.: Request for withdrawal of Guidelines on Common Practice V2 (EB69 Annex 8)

Dear Ms. Child,

Thank you for your letter received on 9 October 2012, which has been made available to the CDM Executive Board.

We have taken note of your disappointment expressed with the regulatory framework based on your initial understanding. A teleconference between the UNFCCC secretariat and the PD Forum which took place on October 31, 2012 discussed your concerns and provided the correct interpretation. On behalf of the Board we would therefore like to reiterate the following clarification which should lift your concerns:

In the framework of CDM regulatory documents, methodologies and tools are standards, which are mandatory and generally have a grace period of 8 months; guidelines are not mandatory and become effective right after adoption. The Project Participants (PPs) may choose to apply guidelines or not to. However, if guidelines are referred to as a mandatory requirement in a standard, then the PPs are required to follow the guidelines. If a large scale methodology refers to the combined tool or the additionality tool, the PPs applying this methodology have to use the versions of the guidelines contained in the approved tools. However, for the unclear requirements that are clarified in the new guidelines, the interpretation/explanation in the new Common Practice (CP) and First of its Kind (FoiK) guidelines may be used. If the PPs apply a small scale methodology or a large scale methodology that does not refer to the combined tool or the additionality tool, the PP may choose to use the newer procedures contained in the CP and FoiK guidelines or the older procedures contained in the approved tools.

Please note that revised versions of the combined tool and the additionality tool which include the new procedures in the guidelines have been adopted by the Board at its seventieth meeting with a grace period of 8 months.



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I hope this letter suitably addresses all your concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Howard
Secretary to the CDM Executive Board