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1	N/A	General	This call for public input should be used as an opportunity to kick start major and meaningful reform in the entire procedure to match with CMP decisions including for pragmatic institution of elements that would allow proper regional distribution of CDM Projects. The regulatory document "Modalities and procedures for direct communication with stakeholders (version 01)," should also be open in parallel for stakeholders to revise several Para's to accommodate implication of changes in revised PCP affecting procedure as well as make it consistent with CMP Decisions	open for longer period while implementing amendments in each next EB meeting as per comments received before each EB meeting. We also encourage for the Secretariat to send official letter about the start of the review to ALL DNAs for them to participate in major revision of regulatory documents.
2		General	Wherever applicable the Para's of VVS and PS that will be affected by our comments and proposed amendments may need to also be adjusted	Amend the relevant pages/Para of the VVS and PS in parallel that will be affected by the relevant proposed amendments we put forward below
3		Specific	Please see specific comments in numbers and pages below	

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4	Para 57 and Para 189	Ge/te/ed	The Para 5.1 lacks procedural requirement to assure commitment and verifiable action from the relevant unit of the Secretariat with respect to assurance over "Handling confidentiality of submissions" and "Avoidance of Tampered Process" regarding treatment of any application for registration or issuance It also lacks clause covering what would be the next course in consequence of or as a result of not fulfilling the same	"The Secretariat shall handle each submission and application from PPs very confidentially throughout the complete stages of each relevant process of vetting, except for the sake of the requirement of posting on the public CDM website. This confidentiality shall include the due institution of adequate safeguard to protect leak of any information or document regarding any project neither to any individual employee or non employee of the secretariat that is not involved through the relevant procedural coverage of the PCP " " if PPs find any evidence that any element or peculiarity of their application has been leaked to any person that is not covered by the procedural standard; they shall be deemed to have adequate and automatic ground to call Objection on ruling over any ruling of the EB later through Direct communication to EB; raising it as a sufficient evidence for "Tampered Process" confirming to a "biased rulling" or "influenced process" thereof"

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5	Para 72	Ge/te/ed	The Para states "If a member of the Board wishes to communicate the request to the Board through the project activity/programme of activities registration of RR) and in accordance with appendix 2." This phrase doesn't allow stakeholders to know if the originated from the relevant EB member based on otherwise it would not guarantee abuse of the spirit or	secretariat, using the "CDM equest review form" (F-CDM-review was actually genuinely self identified concern or it	·
					"No member of the secretariat or EB shall lobby or try to influence any member of EB including Chairs; to impose request for review of any CDM Project activity requesting registration. Any EB member including Chairs that has received any informal or formal lobby from any employee of the secretariat shall disclose the same to the Chair of EB and then stated on the report of the EB under each relevant case for the public/stakeholders to know about."

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6	Para 72	Ge/te/ed	If a Party involved wishes to request a review, the relerence to the Board, through the secretariat, activity/programme of activities registration request research to the secretariat activity activity activity activities registration request research to the secretariat activity activity activities registration request research to the secretariat activity activity activities registration request research to the secretariat activity activity activities registration request research to the secretariat activities registration request research to the secretariat activities registration request activities activities activities activities registration request activities request activities reg	using the "CDM project	Replace "Party involved" with "Party involved in the CDM project requesting registration" Amend the Para with the following "As per this Para; although the Parties involved in the CDM project requesting registration; express request for review through the secretariat; the sprit is only for the sake of facilitation and hence request should originate from the honest intentional and self identified concern of the specific Party. The DNA of the party with self identified concern shall send the filled F-CDM-RR to the Secretariat; DOE and the relevant PPs." "No member of the secretariat or EB shall lobby or try to influence any Party or DNA officer to impose request for review of any CDM Project requesting registration. Any DNA that has received any informal or formal lobby from any employee of the secretariat may disclose the same to the Chair of EB through relevant channel and then stated on the report of the EB under the relevant case for the public to know." Revision of "Modalities and procedures for direct communication with stakeholders (version 01)", required

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1	7	Para 73	Ge/te/ed	The Para reads "The secretariat shall acknowledge receipt of a request for review and promptly make it available to the Board".	We seek amendment of this Para'

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7	Para 73	Ge/te/ed	The Para reads "The secretariat shall acknowledge receipt of a request for review and promptly make it available to the Board". This is a only partially transparent phrase and can be wrongly exploited. It should not also keep affected PPs in the dark thereby leaving them to risk of exploitation.	"The Secretariat shall make every filled forms of request for review ,from each member of EB or/and Party; available on the UNFCCC-CDM website the same day as it has received each and before it sends the consolidated requests to the EB"
8	Para 74	Ge/te/ed	Requires additional phrase to accommodate comment 3 above	Amendment; "Any request for review shall not be recognized by the Board if it has not been sent to affected entities at the time each request was made earlier or posted on the UNFCCC site by 5 p.m. GMT of the last day of the 28-day period following the publication of the request for registration."
9	Para 75	Ge/te/ed	Para reads; "A request for review shall provide, inter alia, the reasons for the request for review based on the "Clean development mechanism project standard", "Clean development mechanism validation and verification standard" or any other applicable CDM requirements." This Para would not fulfil requirement of specificity (Para 7b of "ANNEX III Procedures for review as referred to in paragraph 41 of the modalities and Procedures for a clean development mechanism"); conformity to and accountability to those same ones stated earlier when refering later on ruling notes	for review shall be the specific points that the

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10	Para 79.a	Ge/te/ed	Pare reads; "Notify the project participants or the coordinating/managing entity, and the DOE, that validated the proposed CDM project activity or PoA, that a Party involved in a proposed CDM project activity or PoA, or at least three members of the Board have requested a review of the request for registration;"		Amendment; Refer comment 3 above to be repeated
			This is incomplete notification procedure and would not guarantee affected parties with what exactly was the concern of the relevant person at the exact moment in time leading to a review process and whether the final ruling note would not reveal rationale" that deviate from these points.		

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12	Para 80		This Para has effectively short circuited the EB's CMP approved responsibility and role under Para 12 and Para 16 to closely supervise the review process and effectively disconnected it until it is too late; giving room for sole indulgence by secretariat	approved responsible role as supervisor of the
13	Para 83	Ge/te/ed	"The secretariat shall schedule the commencement of the review of the request for registration in accordance with its operational plans and any relevant instructions by the Board." Stakeholders require publicly available assurance on the basic principle of an unwavering right of entitlement to "first come first serve" unless was an interrupted process	Amendment "However; no other project activity shall be scheduled earlier than another project activity for whose the request for registration from DOE was submitted to the secretariat before it"
14	Para 85	Ge/te/ed	Reads "The secretariat shall conduct an assessment of the request for registration in the context of the reasons for the request for review provided in the "CDM project activity/programme of activities registration request review form" (F-CDM-RR) and the CDM requirements, taking into account the responses from the project participants or the coordinating/managing entity, and the DOE."	Amendment we seek "in the context of each of the specific reasons for the request for review"

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15	Para 88.	Ge/te/ed	requirement of subscribing to specific eleme	ant CMP Decision (Para 18 of erred to in paragraph 41 of the evelopment mechanism" and roved by the CMP. Tunication/reporting regarding ents of review; the concern of ement PP did or didn't address d; which ones are used as a proposal options. No list of Devil's accusation" should be oom for intentional bias on the	Add; " As part of the report ushering any choice of proposed decision among the three options; Both the secretariat and the RIT Team shall list each specific point reviewed; what each understands and should have been done and what the PPs did or didn't comply with pay redundant, reportitive or

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16	Para 89.	Ge/te/ed	Para reads; "If a proposed decision is to reject the request for rassessment report shall include a proposed ruling. The propose an explanation of the reasons and rationale for the proposed denot limited to: (a) The facts and any interpretation of the facts that formed the proposed decision; (b) The CDM requirements applied to the facts; (c) The interpretation of the CDM requirements as applied to the leading to review, • It doesn't emphasize the requirement of sticking only to leading to review, • For the sake of transparency and awareness of affected must be included to send the proposal to the affected pas the EB receives	ed ruling shall contain ecision, including, but e basis of the ne facts." o the specific points ed parties; provision	 Add amendment "None of the above shall diverge from the specific points that triggered the review process or zoom out to a general concern. Moreover none of them shall repeat review points unless the specific substance or concern is different". Add; "After conducting its review; if the proposal of the relevant unit of the secretariats is to "reject" the project requesting registration; it should send a report with outline of the specific points that it has concerns about and why it believes the PP's approach is wrong. No vague points should serve as a basis of proposal to EB or communication to PPs." Amendment; "The Secretariat shall send the proposal of both the RIT and its own as well as the Oath to the PPs, DOE and respective DNA the same time as it sends it to EB members so that they would be aware of the conditions and level of information under which the EB makes decision affecting PPs".

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17	Para 90.	Ge/te/ed	"In addition, both the secretariat and the RIT Team shall, in reports, highlight any issues of significant importance relat goals of the CDM arising from the assessment." For the sake of avoiding/checking double standard; it re regarding conformity with consistency requirements over other similar registered projects with respect to specific poor A venue for affected PPs to hint the EB with existence of process before the EB makes its initial decision.	equires inclusion of reports or secretariat's decision on bints used in the review. Double standard or biased	project registered or exists in the secretariats pipeline without the same exact points of concerns being raised or addressed in same way as the unit demanded from the

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18	Para 90	Ge/te/ed	"The secretariat, in consultation with the Chair of the Bo to the attention of the Board by preparing background representing them to the Board at its meetings." Assurance for all the issues including those affecting is part of the agenda of the meeting	notes and policy options and	Amendment: "The Board may not need to consult the secretariat when it finds an issue that was not included or mentioned among the list of issues as per the above provision. Moreover; issues related to double standard or preferential treatment should necessarily be raised on the relevant meeting whether presented by the relevant unit of secretariat or not as far as found from the report or stakeholder direct communication to EB as per the relevant Para 90" (amendment of Para 90 is requested in number 12 above Amendment of "Modalities and procedures for direct communication with stakeholders (version 01)", required to accommodate this
19	Para 93		"If the respective assessment reports of the secret contain the same proposed decision (i.e. both are CDM project activity or PoA, or both are to reject tregistration)," The Para is a truncated version of the relevant CMP De "ANNEX III Procedures for review as referred to in para and Procedures for a clean development mechanism" a more decision path approved by the CMP	to register the proposed he request for ecision (Para 18 of the agraph 41 of the modalities	Add "or to request the DOE and project participants to make corrections based on the findings from the review before proceeding with registration;"

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20	Para 97	Ge/te/ed	Reads: "At the Board meeting for which the case is plashall, in accordance with appendix 2, decide to either: • The Para is a truncated version of the relevanthe "ANNEX III Procedures for review as refermodalities and Procedures for a clean develop illegally removed one more decision path apple. • Requires clause of assurance for decision in any form of informal influence from a person or its members. The Board already has the R needs very specific advice it should be covincluding accompanied by oath.	t CMP Decision (Para 18 of red to in paragraph 41 of the oment mechanism" and roved by the CMP dependence and avoidance of or the Secretariat on the Board IT as expert advice and if only rered with a formal procedure	"To request the DOE and project participants to make corrections based on the findings from the review before proceeding with registration;" for the Board. Amendment; "The Board shall not advise any individual employee of any unit of the secretariat during the meeting. No individual member of the secretariat of any unit shall be allowed to utter any words about any project requesting registration and the Board shall have independence and unbiased venue for decision making; based only on the parallel reports of the RIT (which is the officially known source of technical support to Board) and that of the written report of the relevant unit of the Secretariat. If the Board has any issue that requires explanation; both the relevant members of the RIT and the Secretariat shall have the chance to explain; including through physical presence. None of these two bodies shall be considered as the closest advisor to the Board. If the Board requires additional expert advice on specific issue of methodological significance related to the case and in the event the RIT member didn't sufficiently clarify; it shall only request in written clarification or recorded explanation from the head of the relevant unit of the secretariat related to methodologies accompanied with signed Oath of "Double Standard, Conflict of interest and rule of diversity". However; such explanation shall not still be sufficient to invalidate PPs concerns later of double standard nature, if any; as per Para XX (amendment proposed). "
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21	Para 100.	Ge/te/ed	Para reads; "The proposed ruling shall contain an explar rationale for the final decision, including, but not limited to (a) The facts and any interpretation of the facts that form proposed decision; (b) The CDM requirements applied to the facts; (c) The interpretation of the CDM requirements as applied Our concern; It doesn't emphasize the requirement of sticking review, It doesn't give requirement of clear and specific searn what was wrong or for the EB or whoever presponsibility It doesn't give assurance of non-existence of Does preferential treatment For the sake of transparency and awareness of must be included to send the proposal to the aff as the EB receives. The current setting has "in ruling" which are neither properly covered in the sense if they are not used as opportunity to comprehensive they are not used to the facts that forms they are not used to the facts that	ed the basis of the ed to the facts." only to the points leading to statement for PPs either to proposed it to take the oubles standard and of affected parties; provision fected parties the same time initial ruling" and then "final he PCP document nor make	 Add amendment "None of the above shall diverge from the specific points that triggered the review process or zoom out to a general concern. Moreover none of them shall repeat any review issue unless the specific substance or concern is different". "As part of the ruling of the EB; the ruling note should include EB's decision to register a project for which there exists a precedent for the sake of avoiding Double Standard; by virtue of finding any other CDM project already registered in the same technology or type of project activity as the one under current EB ruling" "if the ruling of the EB is to "reject" the project requesting registration; it should indicate the specific points that it has concerns about and why it believes the PP's approach is wrong so that it would allow PPs to get accurate reason for the rejection or learn lessons. No vague points should serve as a basis of rejection or communication to PPs." "As part of the ruling of the EB; the ruling note should include EB's assurance that it has checked non-existence of Double Standard on the project requesting registration or any Preferential treatment offered by virtue of double standard to others already registered in the same technology or type of project activity as the one under current EB ruling"
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22	New Para	Ge/te/ed	 To redress errors between "initial ruling" procedure doesn't also provide channels for a hierarchy of appeal. The affected PPs need to ruling or thank the EB in between the two ruling too. 	and "final ruling". Existing ppealing as well as stages of be given a chance to object	
			The procedural document misses some crucial transparency and accountability	·	"if the affected PP has point of objection on the initial ruling of the EB; based on facts it alleges have not been considered or are of Double Standard nature or lacks personnel diversity; It can send the letter to the EB as a direct communiqué 14 days before the next EB meeting; through a channel prepared for such communication. The Secretariat shall avail such channel appropriately and inform DNAs as well as stakeholders about the same. The EB shall consider the same letter of objection before issuing the final ruling";
					"The EB shall review letter from affected PPs including existence of double standard, internally at the immediately next EB meeting and if proven; propose registration of the CDM project. If the EB couldn't register the project on whose alleged Double Standard surfaced; it shall launch an independent enquiry through forming a small group of five people whose composition would be one each from the DNA of the affected PP; the DOE involved; the DNA of any volunteer Annex I country; a member of the relevant RIT team assigned before or a new RIT member and the secretariat to review and propose recommendation within 60 days of the issuance of the final EB ruling. If the group cannot agree by consensus; vote will be the final decision maker with one-man-one-vote rule"
					"Project Participants who have evidence of the existence of this practice of non diversity in process on his application shall raise the issue as sufficient reason for Objection of ruling of the EB through a Direct Communiqué." And "If the affected PP has not agreed with the point of the final ruling; it can send a Direct communiqué to the EB and proceed to finding a channel for presenting the case to the CMP through the relevant DNA". The Secretariat shall inform DNAs about the matter and facilitate venues and agenda in the CMP where such cases can be presented.

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23	New Para		The procedural document misses some cruc accountability	ial wings for a complete circle	"When issues of Precedence, Double Standard, Confidentiality and rule of Diversity are identified or communicated to the Board through direct communication; it shall only be dealt with as a single agenda on a specific EB meeting and the outcome stated on the report of the EB meeting and shall not be responded to PPs or DNAs from any other person including representing the EB or its Chair"
					"If the presence of precedent is proven existed by virtue of just another registered project with the same issue serving as evidence; the EB will revoke its past ruling and register the project activity. This will be applicable to any affected project even in backdates; in respect of fundamental principles of law of precedence and non-existence of Double Standard at the United Nations"
					"In the presence of such circumstance where a project has been rejected any time earlier and later found out to be an error of double standard nature at any time; the EB will immediately register the affected project as soon as communicated by affected PPs or stakeholders."
					"However; if any Doubles Standard is implemented after the date of publication of the new version; the affected PPs will in addition be entitled to coverage for damage occurred thereby the market value of the CERs that could have been generated between the effective date of registration previously denied and the new date of registration would be the value of the compensation. The EB may order to recoup this public money paid for damage; from the remuneration of the head of the relevant unit that signed the Oath of "Double Standard, Conflict of interest and rule of diversity".

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24	New Para		In case the EB decides to request the DOE and project participants to make corrections based on the findings from the review before proceeding with registration;"	
25	Para 105 _{bis}		"After the publication of the ruling, the DOE, the project participants or the coordinating/managing entity may request the secretariat, by e-mail through a dedicated e-mail address, to make a telephone call to them to provide clarifications on the ruling. Only one such request shall be allowed per ruling. In this case, the project participants, the coordinating/managing entity or the DOE shall provide the contact details of the person to be called with preferred time slots. The secretariat shall fix a call appointment within three (3) days of receipt of the request. The secretariat shall record the call."	"In all cases the secretariat shall be pro active to and responsible to exhaustively explain" a. in case of rejection; the specific points of

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26	Para 105ter	Ge/te/ed	applications on a cycle of lengthy rollercoaster	"However; If project participants or the coordinating/managing entity want to request the registration of a project activity or PoA that has been rejected by the Board, on any other ground than Additionality as stated on final ruling note; the validation activity for the project activity or PoA shall recommence, starting by validation but without the requirement of site visits by DOE; without changing the previously uncontested start date; without the publication of the revised PDD or PoA-DD for global stakeholder consultation; and without being mandatorily required to change version of any regulatory document (Versions of Methodology; tools and guidelines used in the rejected PDD) in the new submissions; unless the PP voluntarily prefers so or changed project location or wished to voluntarily change status of plant (Greenfield or existing) from what it applied in the previous PDD" Note: The relevant elements in the VVS and Project Standard need also be revised to confirm with this"		

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27	New Para	Ge/te/ed	EB report to the CMP		"The EB together with its annual report to the CMP; shall include reports regarding qualities of registration/issuance proposals of the Secretariat that it found contradicts with principles of non existence of Double Standard or indicates Preferential treatment on the same issue or didn't implement assignment in diversity of personnel in vetting process. It shall also identify those that it has found have been flagged by the RIT but have not in parallel been informed about from the Secretariat before the relevant EB meeting. It shall also state Direct communication letters from PPs that include objections to EB ruling with causes alleged to be of Double Standard nature by virtue of identifying any precedent"
28	Para 189	Ge/te/ed	With a rationale that the Secretariat employs human risk of exposure to unfavourable human action (lik climate change); new paragraph to accommodate requiring assurance of organizational/process split Contractor and the Supervisor in the same room or on of; a. potential field of conflict of interest (personal/n b. biased decision towards a case/project or c. preferential treatment of a case/project or d. a combination thereof	e actions that are leading to "Rule of Diversity" thereby to avoid presence of "the the same table" for avoidance	into an "issuance unit" separate from the

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29	New Para		An Independent M & E Auditor needs to be assigned to monitor and advise EB on several matters related to operational integrity of the mechanism	"An independent M&E Auditor shall be assigned who monitors compliance with the spirit of operational codes; and in relation to conflict of interest, diversity on a case and personnel symmetry in each of the main units of the Secretariat related to the CDM and reports to the EB quarterly. The EB shall design/approve the specific requirement/guideline of the M & E Auditor including through public inputs"

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"The report of the M&E Auditor shall be publicly posted before each subsequent EB meeting that considers it as input for decision making"